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You Can't Keep a Good Man
Down (1 Cor 15)
Christ's Resurrection and Its
Implications


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Why a Resurrection Chapter?

- Corinthian skepticism
– (1 Cor 15:12)
- Greek philosophical dualism
– (Acts 17:32)
- Over realized eschatology
– (1 Cor 4:8)



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Six Sections of 1 Cor 15

- 1) Resurrection = the heart of the Gospel (1-11)
- 2) Seven disastrous consequences if no resurrection (12-19)
- 3) Two benefits of the resurrection (20-28)
- 4) Two more consequences if there is no resurrection (29-34)
- 5) The resurrection body (35-49)
- 6) The Rapture (50-58)

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**Resurrection is the Heart of the Gospel
(15:1-11)**

- Definition of the Gospel
- Predicted in the Old Testament (1-4)
- Attested to by eyewitnesses (5-11)

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**Resurrection of Christ Predicted
in the Old Testament (15:1-4)**


- Psalm 16:10
- Isaiah 53:10



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Christ's Resurrection Attested to by Eyewitnesses (15:5-11)


- Cephas (5a)
- The twelve (5b)
- The five hundred (6)
- James (7a)
- The rest of the apostles (7b)
- Paul (8-11)



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Seven Disastrous Consequences if there is no Resurrection (15:12-19)

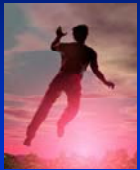
- 1) Christ not raised (13, 16)
- 2) Preaching in vain (14a)
- 3) Faith in vain (14b, 17a)
- 4) Apostles are liars (15)
- 5) We are still in our sin (17b)
- 6) No hope for the dead in Christ (18)
- 7) We are pitiable (19)



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2 Benefits of Christ's Resurrection (15:20-28)

- 1) Guarantees believer's resurrection (20-23)
- 2) Guarantees the Father's ultimate victory (24-28)



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The Father's Ultimate Victory (15:24-28)

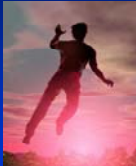
- Christ's resurrection (23a)
- Believer's resurrection (23b)
- Millennial kingdom (24b-25)
- Fulfillment of Psalm 8:6 (27)
- Christ returns kingdom to the Father (24a)
- Defeat of death / the Eternal State (26)
- The Father becomes head of all (28)



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2 Negative Consequences If There is No Resurrection (15:29-34)


- 1) Futility of baptism for the dead (29)
- 2) Futility of self-sacrifice (30-32)
 - Paul's concluding exhortation (33-34)
 - Separate from bad company (33)
 - Gain knowledge (34)



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What Type of Body?

- Objection (35)
- Illustrations from nature (36-41)
 - Seeds (36-38)
 - Human and animal bodies (39-40)
 - Celestial bodies (41)

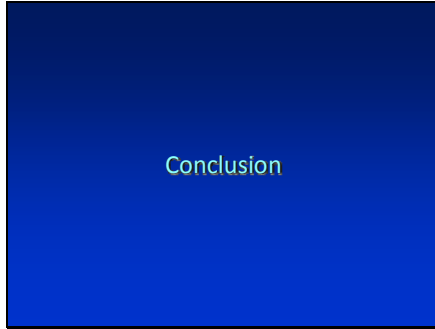


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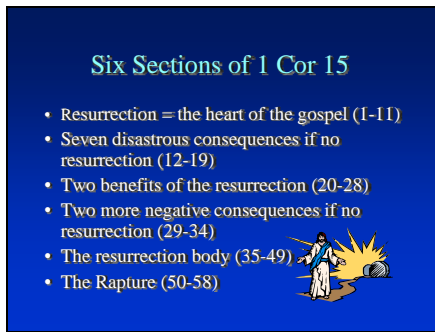
Differences Between the Earthly and Heavenly Bodies (15:42-44)

<u>Earthly Body</u>	<u>Heavenly Body</u>
• Perishable	• Imperishable
• Lowly	• Honorable
• Weak	• Powerful
• Natural	• Spiritual

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Acts 17:32-Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some *began* to sneer, but others said, "We shall hear you again concerning this.

1 Cor 4:8-You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and indeed, *I* wish that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you.

Ps 16:10-For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

Isa 53:10-But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting *Him* to grief; If He would render Himself *as* a guilt offering, He will see *His* offspring, He will prolong *His* days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

Rev 21:4-and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.

Jude 24-25-Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.