

Is the Gospel Important for My Life?

1. I Cor. 15:12-19 - Denying Christ and the resurrection would make Christians pitiful fools.
 - a. Vs. 12-14 - The Corinthians were denying that Christ, a man, can be raised from the dead.
 - i. John 1:14 - Christ became flesh.
 - ii. I Peter 3:18 - Christ physically died on the cross for man.
 - iii. II Tim. 2:11-13 - Those that deny Christ and His sacrifice are denied by God.
 - iv. Matt. 10:32-33 - Denying Christ is serious.
 - b. Vs. 15-19 - If the resurrection was false, Christians would be living for a hopeless cause.
 - i. I Pet 1:3 - If Christ did not physically resurrect, believers would have a false hope.
 - ii. II Peter 2:1-3 - Sharing false information is destructive which makes the importance of knowing God's truth crucial.
 - iii. Prov. 29:11 - Be wise and know the truth.
2. I Cor. 15:36-45 - Christ physically resurrected from the dead so that man can be spiritually resurrected.
 - a. Eph. 2:1-7 - Man is spiritually dead without Christ and will be spiritually made alive upon salvation.
 - b. Col. 2:12-15 - Christ's resurrection is a physical representation of man's soul upon salvation.

Discussion Questions

Ice breaker: Can you think of a funny time where you believed in something and it failed? (Chair fell out from underneath you, car broke down, your voice gave out during a important speech)

- What does it mean to deny something? What are some common facts that the world agrees to be false? (The earth is flat, the Lions will win a super bowl, Vikings made helmets with horns) Why is it such a big deal to deny Christ (Matt. 10:32-33, II Tim. 2:11-13)?
- What does it mean to be a fool (Pro. 14:8, 18:2, 28:26)? What is the best way to avoid being a fool (Pro. 1:7, 16:23, Ps. 119:9, James 1:19)? Did Paul have experience being a fool (Acts 9, I Cor 15:9)?
- Why is the physical resurrection of Jesus important (I Cor. 15:17)? Could Christianity continue if there was no resurrection (Eph. 2:5)? How does the resurrection effect you specifically (Col. 2:12-15)?
- What does it mean for believers to be risen with Christ (Col. 3:1-11)? Do believers have to work on sanctification, or being set apart, if Christ has saved those that believe (Romans 6:19-23)?

Digging Deeper: Is baptism important? (Galatians 3:23-29, Acts 2:38, II Peter 3:21-22)