

1 Corinthians 15:12-23

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.(NIV)

The Case for the Resurrection

In I Corinthians 15:12-23, Paul presents a convincing case for the resurrection of Jesus. As we study two arguments for the resurrection, our faith in Jesus will be inspired.

I. The Negative Argument (vs. 12-19)

A. Negative declaration: (vs. 12)

B. Five negative consequences

1. Vs. 13

2. Vs. 14

3. Vs. 15

4. Vs. 16-18

5. Vs. 19

II. The Positive Argument (vs. 20-23)

A. Positive declaration (vs. 20)

B. Supported in three statements (vs. 21-23)

1. Vs. 21

2. Vs. 22

3. Vs. 23