

He lives, death dies, God reigns

1 Corinthians 15:12-28, p. 933

- I. IF HE'S NOT ALIVE, WE'RE ALL DEAD FOREVER (1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-19).
 - A. The issue: What if there is no resurrection from the dead (12)?
 - B. Then Christ is dead, not alive (13)
 - C. Then our preaching is wasted and believing is a myth (14)
 - D. Then Paul is a liar along with all the apostles (15-16)
 - E. Then there is no forgiveness of sin...ever (17)
 - F. Then believers who have died are lost forever (18)
 - G. Then we are fools who should be pitied (19)

- II. SINCE HE IS ALIVE, DEATH IS DOOMED AND WE LIVE IN GOD'S ETERNAL KINGDOM (1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-28).
 - A. Jesus' resurrection solves sin and death (15:20-23).
 1. His resurrection solved the effects of Adam's sin (20-21).
 2. His resurrection guaranteed believer's resurrection (22-23).
 - Christ was raised first, then believers will be raised when Jesus comes back (See 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16).
 - B. Jesus' return will establish God's full, final authority (15:24-28).
 1. Christ's resurrection proves His authority to conquer every enemy and defeat death itself (24-26; Rev. 19-20; 20:4).
 2. Christ will hand over all authority to the eternal triune Godhead (27-28).