

1 CORINTHIANS | WHAT IF THERE WAS NO BODILY RESURRECTION?

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-19

Christ rose from the dead! The Corinthians believed it. However, somehow, they disconnected the resurrection of Christ from the resurrection of the dead. They possibly bought into the dualistic philosophy that everything physical was wicked and everything spiritual was good. They may have believed the Sadducees who said there was no resurrection. What they did not do is hold to what the Old Testament, the New Testament, and Jesus Himself all taught. That is that there would be a bodily resurrection. They did not see that Christ's resurrection was inseparable from the resurrection of the dead. Some people today could face a similar struggle. They erroneously fall into our culture's secular thinking that what is physical is real and what is spiritual is separate and the two never shall meet. Today, we will examine the question: What if there was no bodily resurrection?

1. If there is no resurrection of the dead, _____ never _____ (15:12-13).
2. If there is no resurrection, preaching Christ would be a _____ and our faith would be a _____ (15:14).
3. If there is no resurrection, the witnesses of the resurrection would be _____ (15:15-16).
4. If there is no resurrection, we would remain in _____ _____ (15:17).
5. If there is no resurrection, believers from the past would have _____ (15:18).
6. If there is no resurrection, Christians are to be _____ (15:19).