



CORINTHIANS

Consequences of denying the resurrection of the dead. P2

Session Number: 31 | Week: 5 | Day: 3

Bible Passage

1 Corinthians 15: 12-28

Introduction

In this session, 1 Corinthians chapter 15: 12-28. We will focus on understanding the consequences of denying the resurrection of the dead, that is, the resurrection of both Christ and ours. The major danger of denying the resurrection of the dead is the destruction of our hope of another world or another life.

Session Objectives

By the end of this session, the learner will have:

- Understood the major components of the Gospel of Jesus Christ (ie, the suffering Servant, the resurrected LORD, the reigning King, and the soon coming King of Kings)
- Listed at least 5 groups of people whom the resurrected Jesus appeared to.
- Been challenged to consider the consequences of denying the resurrection of the dead.
- Appreciated the Christian hope of believing in the resurrection of Jesus
- Stated the order of resurrection, of which Jesus is the first fruit of resurrection.

Session Outline

- The component of the gospel
- Consequences of denying Resurrection
- An apostle of Resurrection

Connecting

- Gather with two or more people for a community discovery bible study session.
- Start with a heartfelt prayer, inviting God to guide and bless your understanding.
- Explore the passage by reading it at least twice, using different Bible versions if available, then retell the story together as a group.
- Reflect and share the challenges and blessings you experienced from the previous study.

Comprehending

- What is the resurrection of the dead?
- What are the consequences of denying the resurrection of the dead? 1 Corinthians 15: 12-19
- What is said about the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope of Christian resurrection? 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28.
- Read 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28. What do you learn about the order of the resurrection

Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you have learnt as an agent of change that you would like to put into practice and teach others about.
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ.
- Use the **SPACEPETS** model, to assist you in putting God's word into practice. Look for:
 - **Sin** to confess
 - **Promise** to claim
 - **Attitude** to change
 - **Command** to keep
 - **Error** to change
 - **Prayer** to make
 - **Example** to copy
 - **Truth** to obey and
 - **Something** praiseworthy

Communicating

- Identify one person you can connect with and share the valuable insights and lessons you gained from this session.
- Reach out to a new believer—either in person or by phone—and pray with them to support them through their challenges, including any concerns about attending church.
- Create a new group and guide others through this study to help them grow in their understanding.

Audio Summary

1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Context

- Denial of resurrection began with Pharisees bribing soldiers to lie about empty tomb, spreading falsehood before truth; kills hope, makes faith futile.
- Resurrection order: Christ firstfruits, then believers at His coming, finally unbelievers after millennium for judgment; culminates in defeating death, handing kingdom to Father.

Dangers of Denying Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12-28)

- **Preached but Denied:** Christ raised preached, yet some deny general resurrection; if no resurrection, Christ not raised.
- **Consequences if No Resurrection:** Preaching useless, faith useless/vain/futile; apostles false witnesses; still in sins; those asleep in Christ lost; Christians most pitiable, hope only for this life.
- **Christ Raised:** Indeed raised as firstfruits of those asleep; death through Adam, resurrection through Christ; all die in Adam, made alive in Christ.
- **Order of Resurrection:** Each in turn: Christ first, then His at coming; end when He hands kingdom to Father after destroying all rule, authority, power.
- **Reign and Enemies:** Must reign until all enemies under feet; last enemy death destroyed; everything under Him except Father; then Son subject to Father, God all in all.

Application

- Affirm Christ's resurrection to maintain hope, valid faith, forgiveness, and anticipation of order: believers raised at coming, death defeated, kingdom to Father.