## A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians

"The Core Of Christianity"
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

12-15-24

Introduction: As we come to today's text, we begin a new subject that was problematic in Corinth, the resurrection.

- 1. Ever since Christ exited His tomb, the resurrection has been a source of controversy.
- 2. In our broken world, it must be explained away.
- 3. Surprisingly, there were people in the church of Corinth who denied resurrection reality.
- 4. Paul could not allow that denial to stand.
- 5. Thus, he writes an exhaustive theology on resurrection truth.
- 6. In the opening eleven verses he explains the importance of the resurrection of Christ to our faith.
- I. The Resurrection Is At The Heart Of The Gospel
  - A. The Process
  - B. The Content
  - C. The Proof
- II. The Resurrection Is At The Heart Of Transformation
  - A. Humility

- B. Gratitude
- C. Passion
- D. Unity

Conclusion: What Paul is doing is laying a foundation for the rest of this chapter.

- 1. He cannot allow resurrection confusion or denial to stand, the church could not survive.
- 2. Instead of denial/confusion we need to believe.
- 3. I realize the resurrection is not natural, it's supernatural.
- 4. Christ predicted He would rise.
- 5. The Romans/Jews did everything to keep Him in His tomb.
- 6. Yet today that tomb is empty. And that reality must be explained.
- 7. The best explanation is Christ arose as He said.
  - And because He lives, we too shall live.
- 8. Will you believe?

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