

HIGHLANDS CHURCH

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Study Guide

# The Resurrection Is Everything

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## Major Points

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- 1 Denying the bodily resurrection triggers a domino effect that destroys every essential Christian doctrine — preaching becomes vain, faith becomes futile, and believers remain in their sins**  
*1 Corinthians 15:14-17*
- 2 Every person is a sinner in need of a Savior, and no amount of church attendance, service, or good deeds can substitute for faith in Jesus Christ**  
*1 Corinthians 15:21-22*
- 3 Christ's resurrection is the decisive event that separates Christianity from every other religion — He is alive, seated at the right hand of God, and interceding for believers**  
*1 Corinthians 15:20*
- 4 Christ will return to defeat every enemy including death itself, subjecting all things to the Father so that God may be all in all**  
*1 Corinthians 15:24-28*
- 5 Believers must guard what shapes their worldview — building on Scripture rather than politics, media, or cultural ideologies — because bad company corrupts good morals**  
*1 Corinthians 15:33*

## Key Quotes

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*“If you deny the bodily resurrection, everything goes out the door.”*  
at 7:43

*“Every human being that has ever breathed air is a sinner in need of a savior.”*  
at 13:18

*“You can't go visit the tomb of Jesus Christ. Because he's not there. He ascended and he's now seated at the right hand of God.”*  
at 11:05

*“If we are building our worldview on anything other than what is written in the pages of this book, we are in danger of having bad company corrupt good morals.”*  
at 29:19

*“If I get everyone to believe in a conservative political system, everyone buys into my conservative ideology... and they don't know about Jesus. When they all die, they're going to hell. So what good have I done?”*  
at 30:25

## Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Yule says that if you remove the resurrection, 'every domino goes down.' Which domino in his chain of consequences do you find most personally unsettling, and why?  
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2. Pastor Yule describes placing faith in Jesus as admitting 'I'm not perfect' and trusting Christ instead of yourself. What things do people most commonly trust in place of Jesus, and how have you seen that in your own life?  
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3. Pastor Yule warns that 'bad company corrupts good morals' and applies it to media, politics, and algorithms. How do you practically evaluate what is shaping your worldview day to day?  
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4. Pastor Yule shared that he would not shrink back in shame at Christ's return. What does it look like to live with that kind of confidence, and what tends to undermine it?  
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5. Pastor Yule made a distinction between shaming people and waking them up. How can the church deliver hard truths in love without either softening the message or crushing people with it?  
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## Word Studies

### **eknepho**

*Greek*

To return to sobriety; to wake up from a drunken stupor. A hapax legomenon in the New Testament, used only in 1 Corinthians 15:34. It carries the force of snapping out of a morally and spiritually intoxicated state, implying that the Corinthians had allowed false teaching to cloud their judgment as though they were drunk.

*Usage: 1 time in NT (hapax legomenon)*

## **aparche**

*Greek*

Firstfruits; the first portion of a harvest offered to God, signifying the whole harvest to follow. Paul applies it to Christ's resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15:20 and 23, meaning that Christ's rising from the dead is the guarantee and prototype of the future resurrection of all believers.

*Usage: 9 times in NT*

## **mataios**

*Greek*

Vain, empty, devoid of result, purposeless. Used in 1 Corinthians 15:17 to describe a faith that would be utterly worthless if Christ were not raised — not merely disappointing but completely void of saving power.

*Usage: 6 times in NT*

## **Cross References**

### **Romans 6:5-9**

Paul argues that believers are united with Christ in both his death and resurrection, guaranteeing that death no longer has dominion — the same resurrection logic underpinning the domino argument in 1 Corinthians 15.

### **2 Timothy 2:17-18**

Paul warns about Hymenaeus and Philetus, who taught that the resurrection had already happened, showing that resurrection denial was an ongoing threat in the early church, just as it was in Corinth.

### **Acts 19:23-41**

The full account of the riot at Ephesus that Pastor Yule referenced — the silversmiths who made shrines to Artemis started a citywide uproar because Paul's preaching threatened their livelihood.

### **Revelation 21:4**

The ultimate fulfillment of the promise Pastor Yule described from Isaiah: God will wipe away every tear, and death will be no more — the final defeat of the last enemy.

### **Romans 5:12-19**

Paul's most developed Adam-Christ parallel, expanding on the same contrast made in 1 Corinthians 15:21-22: through one man came death, through one man came the gift of righteousness and life.

## **Further Reading**

- **The Resurrection of the Son of God**

*by N.T. Wright*

- **Raised with Christ: How the Resurrection Changes Everything**

*by Adrian Warnock*

- **Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church**

*by N.T. Wright*

## Scripture References

REFERENCE	TYPE	TIME	CONTEXT
1 Corinthians 15:12-19	Read Aloud	6:19	<i>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dea...</i>
1 Corinthians 15:20-23	Read Aloud	10:15	<i>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, ...</i>
1 Corinthians 15:24-28	Read Aloud	18:16	<i>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom t...</i>
1 Corinthians 15:29-32	Read Aloud	22:42	<i>Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized o...</i>
1 Corinthians 15:33-34	Read Aloud	27:01	<i>Do not be deceived: Bad company ruins good morals...</i>
Ephesians 1:18	Referenced	5:50	
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17	Referenced	17:12	
1 John 2:28	Referenced	17:30	
Psalms 8:6	Referenced	20:01	
Philippians 2:10-11	Referenced	21:06	
Isaiah 25:8	Referenced	19:11	
1 John 2:1	Referenced	11:36	