

# 1 Corinthians 15:12-34 The Resurrection Plan and Incentives

- The Reason v. 12-19
  - If Christ is not raised...your faith is worthless
- The Redeemer v. 20-22
  - Christ the first of the fruit (those who are dead or will be in the future)
    - Living proof of God's power
  - Christ's redeemed
    - Living proof of His love
- The Redeemed v. 23
  - Get to be like Christ (resurrected) at His coming—The Day of the Lord
    - Implication: There is only one resurrection for those in Christ
- The Restoration v. 24-28
  - Then comes the end—Restoration is complete
    - After Revelation 20-21
      - All rule, authority and power is abolished
      - He has ruled and all His enemies have been put under His feet
      - Death is abolished
      - Christ delivers the Kingdom up to His Father
- An incentive for salvation v. 29
  - What this verse does not teach:
    - Baptismal regeneration
      - As Gnostics taught in Paul's day and Mormons teach today
    - That you are saved by baptism, as some teach today
      - Romans 4:3; Eph. 2:8-9; Heb. 9:27
  - What does it teach: *Huper gk.* Because of, not for
    - That those who are dead and had been baptized are examples of faith and obedience and stand in testimony about their future resurrection to those who are alive being baptized today
      - Matt 28:20; Hebrews 11:13, 39-12:1
- An Incentive for Service v. 30-32
  - I die daily (for that hope of resurrection)
    - If not for that hope; shouldn't we live the Budweiser life
- An incentive for Sanctification v. 33-34
  - The hope of resurrection should change your behavior
    - Stop sinning and stop hanging around corrupt people!
    - Some in the Corinthian church have no knowledge of God
      - Their teaching on the resurrection is corrupt
    - You all have heard the truth, I have to speak this to your shame
    - Resurrection and its hope bring accountability for living sanctified lives—WHAT WE DO COUNTS!!!