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# THE BIG QUESTION!

## 1 Corinthians 15

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Central Idea: The resurrection is your receipt that God accepted Christ's payment for your sins and mine. Have you accepted Christ's payment?

### Introduction:

There is only one question about life, death, and eternity: *Is Christ risen?* The Corinthian church was confused about the resurrection of the believer. Therefore, in the letter which the church had written to Paul, one of the questions had to do with the resurrection of the believer's body. Some in the church were flatly denying the resurrection (v. 12). Some were apparently following the false teaching of others. The answer Paul gave was simply argued: *The resurrection of Jesus Christ proves the resurrection of the human body.* The resurrection of Jesus Christ makes the resurrection of believers absolutely certain. After establishing this fact, Paul deals with some very common objections to this glorious truth.

- I. "If There Is No Resurrection..." vv. 13-19.
  1. "All preaching would be in vain," v. 14.
  2. All faith is vain—empty—useless, vv. 14-17.
  3. "You are still in your sins," v. 17.
  4. The dead have perished, v. 18.
  
- II. "But Christ Has Been Raised from the Dead," v. 20.
  1. "All will be made alive," vv. 20-22.
  2. "The last enemy is death," vv. 23-26.
  3. "God will be all in all," vv. 27-28.
  
- III. "God Gives Us the Victory," vv. 50-57.
  1. Victory over death, vv. 54-55.
  2. Victory over sin, v. 56.
  3. Victory over the law, v. 56.
  4. Victory over the grave.

### Conclusion:

"Therefore..." v. 58

1. Responsibility follows truth.
2. "Always excelling..."  
"Labor not in vain..."