

# ***AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS***

*A Study of First Corinthians*

## **THE PROBLEM OF LIBERAL THEOLOGY**

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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*Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 1 Corinthians 15:12*

**What is the problem with a liberal view of the resurrection?**

**1. If there is no resurrection, no one has been raised.**

*But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised ... 1 Corinthians 15:13*

**2. If there is no resurrection, the gospel is in serious trouble.**

*Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 1:1-4*

**A. All gospel preaching is empty.**

*... and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. 1 Corinthians 15:14*

**B. All gospel preachers are liars.**

*Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. 1 Corinthians 15:15*

**C. Jesus Christ is dead.**

**3. If there is no resurrection, you are in serious trouble.**

**A. Your faith in Christ is a joke.**

*For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;  
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you  
are still in your sins. 1 Corinthians 15:16-17*

**B. Your faith in Christ is a cruel joke.**

*Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.  
If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men  
most to be pitied. 1 Corinthians 15:18*

**What does God's Word say?**

**\* There is a resurrection, and Jesus is alive!**

*And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man. And He laid His right  
hand upon me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and  
the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore,  
and I have the keys of death and of Hades." Revelation 1:17-18*

*But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of  
those who are asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:20*

*"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by  
hanging Him on a cross. He is the one whom God exalted to His right  
hand as a **Prince** and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel,  
and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses of these things; and so is  
the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."*

*Acts 5:30-32*

**Jesus is our Prince who paved the way for our eternity.**