

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

*A Study of First Corinthians*

## **THE RESURRECTION QUESTIONS**

1 Corinthians 15:29-49

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### **What questions does the resurrection answer?**

#### **1. The resurrection answers the question concerning baptism.**

*Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?*

*1 Corinthians 15:29*

##### **A. Baptism doesn't save.**

*"Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?" Acts 10:47*

##### **B. Baptism pictures death, burial, and resurrection.**

*"Else what shall they be doing who are baptized with reference to the dead?" Dr. Paige Patterson Translation*

##### **C. Baptism is meaningless if there is no resurrection.**

#### **2. The resurrection answers the question concerning service.**

*And why should we ourselves risk our lives hour by hour? For I swear, dear brothers and sisters, that I face death daily. This is as certain as my pride in what Christ Jesus our Lord has done in you. And what value was there in fighting wild beasts—those people of Ephesus—if there will be no resurrection from the dead? And if there is no resurrection, "Let's feast and drink, for tomorrow we die!" Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character." Think carefully about what is right, and stop sinning. For to your shame I say that some of you don't know God at all. 1 Corinthians 15:30-34 NLT*

##### **A. Without the resurrection, Christianity is not worth it.**

##### **B. Without the resurrection, it makes sense to live for pleasure.**

##### **C. With the resurrection, we endure trials and live for Jesus.**

*...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2*

### **3. The resurrection answers the question concerning logistics.**

*But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come? You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 1 Corinthians 15:35:36*

#### **A. The resurrection is not reconstruction.**

*And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. Then God gives it the new body he wants it to have. 1 Corinthians 15:37-38*

#### **B. The resurrection does not do away with uniqueness.**

*...for star differs from star in glory. 1 Corinthians 15:41*

#### **C. The resurrection means you get a perfect body.**

*It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. 1 Corinthians 15:42-44*

#### **D. The resurrection means you become like Jesus.**

*And just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. 1 Corinthians 15:49*

**Are you ready for the resurrection?**