

# The Reality of the Resurrection: Together: A Study of 1 Corinthians

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**Key Truth:** We believe the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a Historical fact and a Theological absolute.

There is not a more comprehensive treatment of the Resurrection in the Bible than here in 1 Corinthians chapter 15: “The Resurrection Chapter.” The Resurrection is not just the “icing on the cake” of our Christian Faith. It lies at the very heart of the Good News as the counterpoint to the death of our Savior. Paul began his letter with the “word of the cross” (1:18), brings First Corinthians to its conclusion with the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## **DISCUSS**

Read **1 Corinthians 15:1-11** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on “**The Reality of the Resurrection.**”

## **DIG IN**

**1. The Resurrection is Foundational to all faith and life.** (vv. 1-2)

In verses 1 & 2, what does Paul say are the two characteristics of the gospel with respect to the believer? Why is holding “fast to the word” a critical component of this?

What are some other “foundations” that we tend to build our lives on and why are these insufficient?

**2. The Resurrection is Scriptural Truth.** (vv. 3-4)

What are “the Scriptures” that Paul talks about in verses 3-4? In what ways do the Scriptures speak of the death and resurrection of Jesus?

In what ways does Scriptural proof support and vindicate our faith?

**3. The Resurrection is an Actual Event.** (vv. 5-8)

From verses 5-8, what demonstrates that the resurrection was an actual, literal, historic event?

Why is it important to take the resurrection literally? What is at stake if we see it as a myth or an allegory?

**4. The Resurrection is an Act of God’s Grace.** (vv. 8-11)

In what ways was Paul’s calling as an apostle an act of God’s grace (see vv. 9-10)?

In what ways is the resurrection itself an act of God’s grace?

## **DO**

In what ways will you put what you’ve learned into practice this week?