



Rise Up? No, Thank You!

Lesson 1 • 1 Corinthians 15:12

*"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*

Relating to the Extreme Confusion in the Corinthian Church

1. Extremely **GIFTED** spiritually but extremely **IMMATURE** spiritually. 1 Corinthians 1:4-13; 3:1-4

2. Extreme **POSITIONS** led to extreme **DIVISIONS**. 1 Corinthians 1:10-13

3. Extreme confusion in **DOCTRINE** leads to distortion in **LIVING**.

► They were confused about what it *really means* to be **SPIRITUAL**.

1) They considered themselves to be **SUPER SPIRITUAL PEOPLE**—*more spiritual than even the Apostle Paul*.

2) They confused *being stirred* by the Spirit with **BEING CHANGED** by the Spirit.

Note: 16 times the word "spiritual" (**pneumatikos**) is used in this letter.

3) They considered themselves to be **SUPERIOR** Spirit People!

But Paul said to them: *"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to **spiritual** men, but as to men of **flesh**, as to **infants** in Christ."* (3:1)

► They were confused about *already living* in the future **KINGDOM**. (4:8-9; 13:1)

► They considered themselves to be *too spiritual* for **RESURRECTED BODIES** in the future. (15:12)

Understanding the Eternal Consequences of Rejecting Our Future Resurrection

Rejection of the Doctrine of Bodily Resurrection of the Dead in Christ Leads to:

1. A loss of **TENSION** between “*the already and the not yet*” of already living in the Sprit but not yet living in Christ’s coming Kingdom.

Without the Tension of the “Already Not Yet”...

- We will **expect more** from this present life than is available at this time!
- We will **enjoy less** of the pleasures of this present life and **tend to abstain too much** from the physical joys of this world or **indulge too much** in its sinful pleasures!
- We will **anticipate less** of what God has for us in the future coming Kingdom and this will always lead to a loss of motivation for greater sanctification and sacrifice!

2. A loss of **MOTIVATION** for living for the Lord here and now! (15:2, 14, 58)

- **WITHOUT** the hope of our future bodily resurrection, living for the Lord is **IN VAIN** and we are the **MOST PITIFUL** people on the planet!

“If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.” 1Corinthians 15:19

- **WITH** the hope of our future bodily resurrection, we are **MOTIVATED** to live for the Lord and leave it all on the playing field of this life! *Philippians 3:7-14*

3. A loss of **SALVATION** due to never being saved in the first place as evidenced by not holding fast to this gospel essential. (15:1-2)

**One Day the Risen King Will Return and Shout “Rise Up!”
to His People Who Have Already Died!**

The Wrong Response Will Be:

“No, thank You, I’m just fine without a resurrected and glorified BODY!”

The Right Response Will Be:

“Yes, thank You, Lord! I couldn’t wait to be resurrected in my glorified BODY! It changed the way I lived before I died and it has been my “soul” desire since I died!”