

Denial, Dominoes, and Declaring the Good News of the Resurrection / Part 2

Lesson 4 • 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Guess what?! Jesus not only rose but He is **STILL RISEN** and that makes all the difference in the world! Living for Him is never in vain...never fruitless...never meaningless...never useless!

1. Don't Be Deceived into DENYING Gospel Essentials Like the Bodily Resurrection of Christians.

"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?" 1Corinthians 15:12

- The devil **distorts** gospel doctrine like bodily resurrection. 2 Cor 11:3-6, 13-15
- The world **mocks** gospel doctrine like bodily resurrection. 2Cor 5:1-5; Acts 17:16-34
- The flesh **rejects** gospel doctrine like bodily resurrection. 1Cor 2:1-16

2. Denying Essentials Doctrines Has DEVASTATING Consequences Like Dominoes Falling!

"But if there is no resurrection of the dead..." 1Corinthians 15:13

Deny the Bodily Resurrection of Christians and Watch the Dominoes Fall...



Then **Jesus Himself** did not rise bodily... (v. 13)



And that means the **preaching** of the gospel is meaningless... (v. 14a)



And that means our **faith** in the gospel is meaningless... (v. 14b)



And that means the claims about what God has done are **all lies toward by liars**... (v. 15)



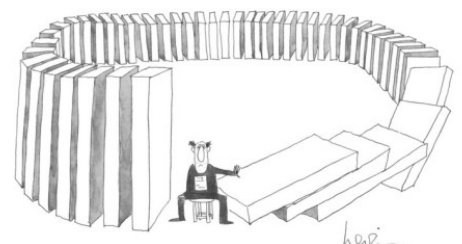
And that means we are still in our sins and with **no way** of ever being forgiven... (vv. 16-17)



And that means we will never again **embrace** those who have already died in Christ as believers! (v. 18)



And that means our lives are the **most miserable** of anyone and to live like a Christ follower is the most foolish thing one could do on this planet! (v. 19)



3. Affirming the Doctrine of the Bodily

Resurrection Frees Us to DECLARE the Gospel with Bold, Joyful Confidence!

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

Seven Resurrection Realities that Refocus, Reenergize and Release Evangelistic Joy

#1 Jesus IS RISEN!

The gospel we share is centered on the risen God-Man who is the Lord of the living!

#2 We ARE FORGIVEN!

The gospel we share really does result in all our sins being forgiven.

#3 We have GOOD NEWS TO SHARE!

The gospel we share is to be proclaimed.

#4 The Good News is ABSOLUTELY TRUE!

The gospel we share is true, so we can be true witnesses of what God has done, is doing, and has yet to do through Jesus.

#5 Lives can be RADICALLY CHANGED!

The gospel we share has the power to give birth to a living faith that bears fruit.

#6 There is HOPE BEYOND THE GRAVE!

The gospel we share provides real hope beyond the grave for all who have already died in Christ.

#7 Our best life is YET TO COME!

We live the most desirable lives in the entire universe!

Have You Grown Apathetic about Declaring the Gospel Hope of the Resurrection?

Even though the Easter holiday is over, we can still say: ***"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."***

And a part of living and laboring for the Lord is sharing the gospel with the lost! Your prayers for the lost, your turning conversations to spiritual things, your building relationships of love with those who don't know Jesus, and your giving to missions are not in vain. So be steadfast and abound in the work of evangelism and missions. Let the reality of the resurrection refocus, reenergize, and release your evangelistic zeal and love. And may God give us all the joy of introducing someone to Jesus this year.