

Understand your Bible

Your notes

1 Corinthians 15

Background to the chapter

The apostle Paul's preaching in the Greek city of Corinth resulted in a group of believers. This chapter, looking at the question of the resurrection of the dead, is part of a letter Paul sent to this group.

What we will see in this chapter:

- What Paul taught about resurrection
- The significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ for us
- Events after the resurrection

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Your notes
1 to 4	1. What did Paul want them to know happened to Christ?	
5 to 11	2. Who saw the resurrected Jesus Christ?	
12 to 19	3. What did Paul say follows if Christ was not raised from the dead? <i>Text note: "fallen asleep" means "died"</i>	
20 to 23	4. What are the consequences for us of Christ's resurrection from the dead? <i>Text note: "firstfruits" means "first of more to come". "In Adam" is "our natural state".</i>	
24 to 28	5. What will be the events after our resurrection from the dead?	

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29 to 34	6. Why does Paul risk his life preaching?	
35 to 50	7. What are the contrasts between people now and those raised in the Kingdom of God?	
51 to 58	8. What is the great hope that the resurrection gives and what should our response be?	

3 Related theme: *Many will rise from the dead and live forever.*

Have a look at these related verses and see this theme running through the Bible. Make a note of the main point(s) in the verse(s).

Verse(s)	Main point(s)
Daniel 12 v 2	
Hosea 13 v 14 <i>Text note: Hebrew "Sheol" is translated grave in some versions.</i>	
John 11 v 24 and 25	
Acts 24 v 14 and 15	
Philippians 3 v 10 and 11	
1 Thessalonians 4 v 16	