THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

1 Corinthians 15:12–34

Key Verse: 15:22

1. What is Paul’s answer to those who deny the resurrection? (12,13) How and why does he list the implications if Christ was not raised from the dead? (14–19)
2. How does Paul describe Christ’s resurrection, and what does this imagery mean to us? (20) Read verses 21,22. How does Paul compare Adam with Christ? (cf. Ro5:15–18) How did Christ’s resurrection begin a new humanity and a new history?
3. Read verse 22 again. What does it mean to be “in Adam” or “in Christ”? (Ro6:2–8; Eph2:4–6) How does this illustrate the power of Christ’s resurrection? What hope does it give us? (6:14; Jn11:25,26)
4. How does Paul begin to describe the resurrection? (23) What else will the Risen Christ do with his resurrection power, and how does this faith help us live in this world? (24–26) What else does Paul emphasize to these Corinthians, and why? (27,28)
5. How does resurrection faith impact our practical lives? (29–32) What warning does Paul give, and what can we learn from it? (33,34)