MADE ALIVE IN CHRIST

1 Corinthians 15:12–34

Key Verse: 15:22

1. What good news about Jesus had Paul just reminded the Corinthians of? (3–8) What were some among them saying, and why? (12b) How and why does Paul connect the resurrection of the dead with the resurrection of Christ? (13,16)
2. What would it mean for Christians if Christ has not been raised? (14,15,17,18,19) What does Christ’s resurrection reveal about God? (15a; cf. 6:14) How does it deliver us from our sins? (17; cf. Ro6:4) What hope does it give us? (19; cf. 24,26; 1Pe1:3–4)
3. In agriculture, what are the “firstfruits”? (20b) How does this concept of firstfruits apply to Christ and us? (20a,23a; cf. Ro8:29; Col1:18) What is the hope of those who have “fallen asleep in Christ”? (18,20; cf. 1Th4:13–14)
4. How did Adam bring death to all humanity? (21a,22a) How does Christ bring life? (21b,22b; cf. Ro5:18) Read verse 22. What does it mean that in Christ, someday we “will be made alive”? (51–53; Php3:21) What does being made alive in Christ mean for us now? (Ro8:10–11; 12:2; Eph2:1–5) How can we really be alive in him?
5. What will the Risen Christ do in “the end”? (24) Who are his “enemies”? (25,27; cf. Lk19:27; Ro5:10; Php3:18) “The last enemy”? (26) What does it mean that “he must reign”? (Ro5:21; Eph1:22; Rev11:15) What prophecy will this fulfill? (Ps8:6; 110:1; Mt22:44; Heb1:13) Why is Christ’s reign in God’s eternal kingdom our real hope?
6. What spiritual order does Paul emphasize to the Corinthians and why? (23,27–28) What did some people do because of their faith in the resurrection? (29) What did Paul do? (30–32, Ac19:23–41) With faith in the resurrection, how can we live like this?
7. What is the philosophy of those without resurrection faith? (32b) If there is no resurrection, why does this make sense? What does Paul say about people with such a philosophy? (33) How does he rebuke and warn some of the Corinthian Christians? (34)