



# Study Guide

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-34

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**Pray and ask God to speak to you (and/or your group) and then read 1 Corinthians 15:1-34 out loud!**

1. Christians love to talk about “the gospel” (the good news). Before reading **1 Corinthians 15:1-34**, how would you define the gospel? What would you include? How does Paul define it in **verses 1-5**?
2. Paul says that we are saved **by this gospel!** I thought we were saved by Jesus! What does that mean? (Compare it with **Romans 1:16**)
3. Why is Jesus’ resurrection essential to the gospel? What do we lose in the gospel if we don’t mention the resurrection? Jesus didn’t pay for sins when He rose from the dead ... why did He need to be raised? (look at **Romans 4:25** and take a moment to ponder it)
4. Look at how Paul talks about his own ministry efforts in **verse 10**. He says he works harder than anyone, but who gets the credit? How should that influence how we view our own “success” in following Jesus?
5. In **verses 12-19** we see that if Jesus was not raised from the dead our faith is useless. Why would that make our faith useless?

6. He goes on to say that if Christ hadn’t been raised we are to be pitied most of all. In what ways are you living that don’t make any sense and in fact are pitiable if Jesus is not raised from the dead? Think: in your family, career, finances, relationships, politics, free time, etc.

7. **1 Corinthians 15:20-28** is a dense section connecting Jesus’ resurrection to our very own resurrection when Jesus returns. Wanna go deeper? Look up the following verses and write down what you learn:  
**Isaiah 25:6-8**

**Daniel 12:1-4**

**Philippians 3:20-21**

**Revelation 20:1-15**

8. What we believe about Jesus’ return and eternity (eschatology) effects how we live today. What are some ways the knowledge of Jesus’ resurrection (connected to our own future) impacts Paul’s life in **verses 30-32**? How does your hope of eternal life and the final resurrection impact the way you live your life today?
9. In **verses 33-34** Paul gets really practical. He calls us to check who we’ve let into our inner circle and check our lives. Is there anyone in your inner circle whose influence is *corrupting* your character? How? Maybe it’s not a person, but a news site, radio program, podcast, or youtube channel. What sin might God be asking you to repent of in these verses?