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20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. 28 When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

29 Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them? 30 And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? 31 I die every day — I mean that, brothers — just as surely as I glory over you in Christ Jesus our Lord. 32 If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus for merely human reasons, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

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**A pre-existent doctrinal error! Sanhedrin denied resurrection. Greeks saw body=evil.**

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**If there is NO resurrection then not even Christ has been raised! Conquered by death?**

And if that is true (Christ was not raised), what's the unbelievable consequence? [15:14, 17-19](#)

**Without the resurrection of Christ, preaching/faith is useless. We're all unsaved!**

However the true Gospel, and the hundreds of eye witnesses declare what? [15:20](#)

**CHRIST HAS INDEED BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD!! HE is our only hope!**

What's different about 'all die' and 'all ... made alive'? 15:21-22, 45; Jn.3:1-8; [Rom.5:12-17](#)

**All humans are 'in Adam' and inherit death. All who are 'in Christ' inherit eternal life!**

After showing there is a resurrection for those 'in Christ' what's next? 15:23-26; [1Tim.1:10](#)

**The sequence. 1<sup>st</sup>, Christ, 2<sup>nd</sup>, those 'in Christ'. 3<sup>rd</sup>, destroys all enemies then death last**

What unifying detail does Paul add about the conclusion of this sequence? 15:27-28

**Christ will subject everything to Himself except, of course, the Father, Who is over all.**

What is Paul giving reference to in 15:29?

**There are estimated to be > 200 interpretations for this verse! Test them by Scripture!**

What's one suggested interpretation that absolutely can't be correct? [1:11-17; Heb.9:27](#)

**Living believers cannot be baptized for someone who is dead. Baptism does not save!**

What then?? 15:30, 1:11-17 (note the opportunity here to teach baptism for the dead...)

**Paul is not endorsing anything (they vs us), but referencing the belief in the resurrection**

What is his personal argument for the resurrection? 15:30-32

**Why would I, or any believer, endure martyrdom if there is no resurrection??**