Application: Living as if we Believe we'll be Resurrected

1 Corinthians Lesson 29 Weds 8/15/2018



Ch 15 is a fairly long chapter, and deals with resurrection from the first to the last verse. It is fairly clear there were some in Corinth who were denying that WE will be resurrected (15:12). Paul has been dealing with this, and using it to teach about different aspects of the resurrection. In vs 29-32 he comes back to make another point directly at those denying our resurrection, and then in vs 33-34 he alludes to how we should live differently <u>because</u> we'll be resurrected. We will use his thoughts of vs 32-34 as a springboard for thinking about how this knowledge should impact the way WE live.

- 1. Vs 29 is hard to understand, and there are many opinions about its meaning. In trying to interpret it, consider the following: (a) Paul is using this argument to convince Christians that there IS a resurrection; (b) Paul would not use an argument that would lead people to follow a false teaching; (c) Paul's / Jesus' teaching in Acts 17:30-31; Rom 14:12; 2 Cor 5:10; Heb 9:27; Lk 16:19-31.
 - So what do you think this verse is saying? (We will explore this in class.)
- 2. Paul then makes a strong point regarding his belief in a resurrection what is his point of vs 32-32?
- **3.** (a) Based on the context, who specifically is Paul talking about by the "evil company" of vs 33? (b) How could these companions corrupt their morals how would this happen?
- **4.** If you knew for a *fact* that you were going to die <u>tomorrow</u>, what would you do *differently* today than what you normally do most days?
- **5.** Even though we may intellectually know there will be a resurrection, we often don't live like we truly believe it. Consider Paul's points in 1 Cor 15:30-34; also 2 Pet 3:10-11; vs :58 of this chapter; Rom 14:10-12; etc.
 - How would <u>truly</u> believing you'll be resurrected affect: (a) the way you view sin? (b) the way you view and strive for wealth? (c) the conversations you have with others Christians and non-Christians? (d) the way you view your health?