

The Consequences of Denying the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

1 *Some persons deny the resurrection*

12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

2 *The first set of consequences*

- a. Christ is not risen
- b. Our preaching is empty
- c. Our faith is empty
- d. We lie about God and bear witness against God

13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

3 *The second set of consequences*

- a. Christ is not raised
- b. Our faith is empty; We are still in our sins
- c. Dead believers have perished
- d. We are to be pitied above all people

16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.