

1 Corinthians 13 & 15 - Love and Resurrection

1. One key thing we know about the apostle Paul is the fact that he wrote letters to various churches, mostly those he had founded on his missionary journeys. Check the table of contents in your Bible and list the thirteen epistles which name him as the author.

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2. According to **1 Corinthians 1:10-17**, what sort of troubles were they having in the church at Corinth?

3. The famous poem about love, **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**, can help people live together in harmony. In the left-hand column list some of the ways a loving person will behave; in the right-hand column list some of the things a loving person will *not* do.

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4. Fill in the blanks for **verse 13**, and color it in your Bible: "For now there are _____, _____, and _____. But, the greatest of these is _____."

5. Verses from this chapter are often read at weddings. Do you think this is a good choice?

6. Another difficulty in the Corinthian congregation was that some people were denying the resurrection. They all agreed that Christ had been raised, but some were not sure about whether Christians would ever be raised. Paul's reaction, in **1 Corinthians 1:1-58**, is in the form of a carefully structured oration. Match the parts of his speech on the left with the summaries on the right.

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| _____ Introduction (vv. 1-2) | A. If Christ rose, how can you say there's "no resurrection"? |
| _____ Narration of facts
(vv. 3-11) | B. So keep on working confidently! |
| _____ Thesis (v. 12) | C. It's foolish to figure out what kind of body we will have after the resurrection. What is sown "earthly" will be raised "heavenly." We will be in the image of the heavenly "second Adam," not the earthly "first Adam." |
| _____ Listing of Proofs
(vv. 13-34) | D. Christ rose from the dead and was seen by many people including myself. |
| _____ Refutations (vv. 35-49) | E. Remember the Gospel I preached to you! |
| _____ Conclusion (vv. 50-57) | F. In the end, God will change us and we will be immortal. |
| _____ Exhortation (v. 58) | G. If Christ were not raised, our faith would be pitiful. As all died "in Adam," so all will be raised "in Christ." Death will be the last enemy to be destroyed when Christ returns. |

7. Tell how the hope of the resurrection can be of great comfort when we think about death and dying.

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