

IF ONE DOMINO FALLS
1 Corinthians 15:12-19

There is no gospel without the resurrection of Jesus; the initial domino is there is no _____ of the dead
The Greeks were dualistic: They believed the spiritual or inner was good and the physical or body was _____
Corinthian Christians may have “Christianized” this, believing their spirits were resurrected but not their _____

In our society today: 1) Many who believe that _____ precludes any possibility of life after death in any form
2) Many are being taught what’s inside is right & good but their bodies may be wrong, something to be _____
3) Some “Christians” believe they will live some kind of spiritual existence in heaven forever without a _____

THE FIRST DOMINO: THEN _____ IS NOT RISEN 15:13

If human beings are not bodily resurrected, then Jesus was not bodily resurrected for Jesus is 100% _____

THE SECOND DOMINO: THEN OUR _____ IS EMPTY 15:14

- A. “Preaching” is not the act of preaching but the heart of the message of all the apostles—the _____
- B. The billions of times the gospel has been preached, it has been a _____, a fraud, if Jesus did not rise

THE THIRD DOMINO: THEN OUR _____ IS EMPTY 15:14

One domino knocks over the next: if the gospel is a sham, our faith has no _____ ; best abandon it

THE FOURTH DOMINO: THEN WE ARE FOUND _____ WITNESSES 15:15

- A. The Apostle Are _____
 - 1) It is not just a _____; if there is no resurrection, if Jesus didn’t bodily arise, then Paul is a liar
 - 2) “We are found false witnesses” = “we are _____ in a lie” or “we are caught out as liars”
- B. The Lies Are Against _____
“We have testified OF God” = “We have testified _____ God”—the most important in the universe

THE FIFTH DOMINO: THEN WE ARE STILL IN OUR _____ 15:17

- A. What does Jesus’ resurrection have to do with our justification from sin? It’s the Father’s _____
- B. It is the proof that the Father accepted Jesus’s death as payment for the guilt & shame of our _____

THE SIXTH DOMINO: THEN THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP IN CHRIST HAVE _____ 15:18

- A. Paul often calls believers who have died “fallen asleep” because their bodies await bodily _____
- B. But if there is no resurrection of human bodies, these believers have “perished”; this word is used by Jesus consistently of everlasting death—hell: 1) if we are yet in our sins, we are headed to _____
2) In v.18 Paul rebuts the Corinthian’s idea that in Christ they have a _____ resurrection not a bodily

THE SEVENTH DOMINO: THEN WE OF ALL MEN ARE MOST _____ 15:19

- A. Paul is not denying the truth found everywhere in Scripture that our faith gives us hope in this _____
- B. Rather one domino causes the next to fall: if v.18 is true and Christians perish and end up in hell, then Christians get shorted on both ends of the stick: In this life, _____ ; in the afterlife, eternal wrath

CONCLUSION: In v.20 and beyond Paul denies that ANY of these dominos topple: But Christ now IS _____