# Clear Thinking About the Resurrection (I Corinthians 15:1-34)

### <sup>2</sup> John MacArthur on the Importance Of The Resurrection

• "Without the resurrection salvation could not have been provided, and without belief in the resurrection salvation cannot be received." - Romans 10:9

• "It is not possible, therefore, to be a Christian and not believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

# 3 In overriding argument of

### I Corinthians 15

The problem which Paul was addressing in the chapter was <u>not</u> a disbelief in Christ's resurrection (among the Corinthians), but a confusion about their own resurrection.

Therefore, Paul's argument was not to convince them that Christ rose from the dead, but that one day they, too, would be raised with Him to eternal life.

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## The Foundation For Paul's Argument

### (vv. 1-11)

Four Evidences

- The Testimony of the Church
- The Testimony of Scripture
- The Testimony of Eye Witnesses
- The Unique Testimony of Paul Himself

## <sup>5</sup> The importance and Significance of Both Resurrections

The two resurrections (Christ's and the Redeemed) stand or fall together Seven disastrous consequences if there is no resurrection (vv 13-15)

#### 6 Seven Disastrous Theological Consequences If There Is No Resurrection

(vv.13-15)

- Christ would not be risen
- The preaching of the Gospel would be meaningless
- · Faith in Christ would be worthless
- · All witnesses and preachers of the resurrection would be liars
- All men would still be in their sins
- · All former believers would have eternally perished
- · Christians would be the most pitiful people on earth

7 Three Important Aspects of the Resurrection The Restoration (vv. 24-28)

8 <a>S</a> Three Resurrection Incentives