

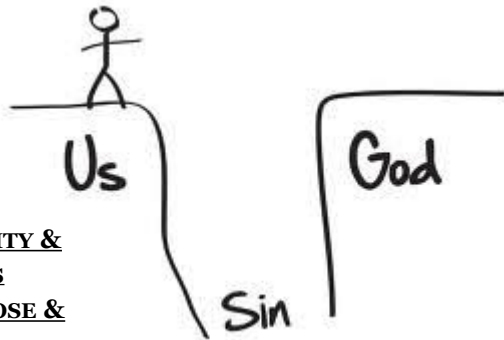
Together: Study of 1 Corinthians
“Why Christianity is Worth Considering”
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
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CHRISTIANITY’S CLAIM:

Christianity is a relationship with a resurrected and Living Savior.

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1 Corinthians 15:3-4

AN IMAGE TO CONSIDER



- **LOSS OF IDENTITY & RELATIONSHIPS**
- **LOSS OF PURPOSE & MISSION**
- **LOSS OF PLACE**

REASONS TO CONSIDER CHRISTIANITY’S CLAIM:

1. The Gospel is still changing lives .

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you have received and on which you have taken your stand.

² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:1-2
(cp: Romans 1:16; 10:9)

2. The reliability of the Bible.

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3. The Testimony of eyewitnesses .

⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹ I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them — yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. 1 Corinthians 15:5-10

4. The consistent Testimony.

¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.
1 Corinthians 15:11

Discussion Questions

1. What was your “A-Ha” from Sunday’s message? Why?
2. When did you receive Jesus as Lord? Share with your group the circumstances surrounding your conversion.
3. What was it that finally convinced you of (a) your need for salvation and (b) that Jesus was the only one capable of saving you?
4. Is the resurrection of Jesus essential for salvation and living the “Christian” life? If so, why? If not, why not?
5. What difference/what benefits to your life does the reality of Jesus’ resurrection bring?
6. What would you say (could you say) to a friend who is doubting the claims of Jesus’ resurrection?
7. How does the resurrection of Jesus differentiate the claims of Christianity from all other religions?