



1 Corinthians 15

-All the stuff Paul has talked about is important but he is going to recenter them on what is most important

-What would you say is the most important thing for Christians to understand?

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

-What does Paul say is most important?

-Jesus died and was raised to life again

-This is the center of everything we believe, it all hinges on this

-Jesus died on the cross for our sin

-Jesus didn't stay dead but came back to life

-Some people in Corinthian didn't believe in the resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:6-8

This isn't just a made up story but has lots of verification

-The existence of Jesus and some of the things that he did can be verified from sources outside the Bible

-The Gospel books of the Bible can be shown to be reliable first century texts

-There were tons of eyewitnesses after Jesus died

*Our faith is a reasonable faith

Why is the resurrection important?

1 Corinthians 15:14-19

If the resurrection is not true

1) we are believing a lie

2) we are misrepresenting God

3) we are wasting our life

1 Corinthians 15:20

-but the resurrection is true and it gives us great hope

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

-we have hope in life after this life

1 Corinthians 15:25-28

-we have hope that one day Jesus will be king and make all things good again

1 Corinthians 15:42-49

-we have hope that we will have a new heavenly body like the one Jesus had after the resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:58

-the resurrection is important because it gives us a hope for the future that can sustain us today

-life is hard and unfair but this life is all there is