

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 2019  
**Is there any hope  
in death?**

I Corinthians 15v12-28



- **Living with eternal fear**
  
- **Gospel hope**
  
- **Is resurrection a reality? (v12)**
  
- **Is this all pointless? (v13-19)**

⇒ **Without resurrection hope...Christ hasn't been raised**

⇒ **Without resurrection hope...preaching is useless**

⇒ **Without resurrection hope...faith is pointless**

⇒ **Without resurrection hope...we've been lying about God**

⇒ **Without resurrection hope...we will still face judgement**

⇒ **Without resurrection hop...Christians who have died are just lost!**

⇒ **Without resurrection hope...the Christian life is pathetic**

● **But because of Christ, there is resurrection! (v20)**

● **Jesus changes everything (v21-23)**

● **Jesus the first-fruit (v23)**

● **Jesus is alive: so what is He doing now? (v25-27)**

● **Jesus is alive: so what is the purpose of all things? (v24+28)**

● **Turning it around**

**Get thinking**

How much do people really think about death? Why?

# Growth group questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.



1. What was the main thing you feel God was saying to you through the verses? What most struck you or surprised you?
2. Why is Paul's question to the Corinthians in v12 such a shocking question? (look back at v1-11 also)
3. Which of the 7 reasons why the resurrection is crucial (from v13-19) most struck you? Have you ever been tempted to think these things or been accused by others?
4. Turn these things around by making them 'positives'. How does this inspire and motivate your faith? How does this make you want to share your faith with others?
5. Why does Paul compare Jesus and Adam? Summarise the point in your own words.
6. v25-27 describe how Jesus reigns now. Do you find this an easy or difficult thing to see? What difference should it make to us now?
7. How do v23-29 describe the future? What is Jesus' purpose? What is our purpose?
8. This vision of the future is very far from our world's vision of the future. How can we live with this hope in a world that lives and believes so differently?

Spend time together praying for one another