

What If

1 Corinthians 15:12-34

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Order of Worship

Preparing our Hearts: If you arrive a little early, prepare your heart for worship by reading and thinking about this text:

- *He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.* (Col. 1:13-14 ESV)

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - Psalm 91:1-4
- We humbly respond with praise
 - “A Mighty Fortress”
 - “Praise Adonai”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - Psalm 84:11-12
- God’s grace
 - Romans 8:28-32 Responsive Reading
 - “Jesus Paid It All”
 - “Show Us Christ”

What we Believe: As a church we want to affirm our unity in what we believe.

- *I believe that my only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. In fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.*
(Based on Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1)

Prayer: We bring our requests to the Lord through Jesus Christ.

Church Life/Greeting: In Christ, we live and fellowship together as believers. We take time to learn what is going on in our church, and to greet one another as we worship.

Prayer for Understanding: We pray that God will open our hearts and minds to the preaching of His Word.

Sermon:

- 1 Corinthians 15:12-34

Lord's Supper: In taking communion together, we remember the death of Christ as we proclaim it to one another as we consume the elements.

- "Jerusalem"

Praise to God (Doxology): We end our time of worship together as we resound in praises together.

- "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"

God Blesses: We go into the world this week with God's blessings as He enables us to serve Him.

- 1 Timothy 1:2b

Growth Group Questions

1. How were the Corinthians struggling with the idea of resurrection?
2. Why are we tempted to neglect the truth of our bodily resurrection?
3. According to Paul, what things would be true if there were no bodily resurrection? Which of these is most striking to you? Why?
4. Why is our bodily resurrection such a vital truth for us as Christians? What impact did this truth have on Paul?
5. How can we be more biblical in our thinking about the afterlife/resurrection?

Next Week: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58