

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
First Corinthians Sermon Study Equipping Class

1 Corinthians 15:29-34

❖ Day 1

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

- 29     Otherwise, what do people mean  
              by being baptized  
              on behalf of the dead?  
      If the dead are not raised at all,  
      why are people baptized on their behalf?
- 30     Why are we in danger every hour?
- 31     I protest, brothers,  
              by my pride in you,  
              which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
              I die every day!
- 32     What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus?  
      If the dead are not raised,  
      "Let us eat and drink,  
              for tomorrow we die."
- 33     Do not be deceived:  
              "Bad company ruins good morals."
- 34     Wake up from your drunken stupor,  
              as is right,  
      and do not go on sinning.  
              For some have no knowledge of God.  
              I say this to your shame.

1. Summarize the major steps of Paul's argument in 1 Corinthians 15 so far. How does this paragraph relate to what preceded it?

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
First Corinthians Sermon Study Equipping Class

2. What are some possible explanations for v. 29? How does the context of v. 29 help you understand what it may or may not mean? Anticipate hearing Pastor Bret explain this on Sunday.

3. What does v. 29 definitely not mean?

❖ Day 2

Read 1 Corinthians 15:29-34 again.

4. What is the implied argument Paul is posing the question in v. 30 to? What “danger” is Paul talking about? How frequent was Paul faced with such danger?

5. What did Paul affirm was true in v. 31? What was the surety of this assertion?

# Summit Woods Baptist Church

# First Corinthians Sermon Study Equipping Class

6. How could Paul have pride in the Corinthian believers after all the errors this church was supporting or was in danger of supporting?

7. What connection do vv. 30-31 have with the argument Paul is making concerning the resurrection?

8. How does v. 32 follow the argument of vv. 30-31?

9. What does the phrase “humanly speaking” reveal about Paul’s perspective as revealed in this argument?

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
First Corinthians Sermon Study Equipping Class

10. What does Paul say the Christian should do if the dead are not raised? What does this reveal about what a Christian's mindset should be? Why should the believer's mindset be different according to this chapter?

11. How does the second part of v. 32 highlight the importance of the resurrection?

❖ Day 3

Read 1 Corinthians 15:29-34 again.

12. Read vv. 32-34. Describe the transition Paul makes in v. 33.

13. What is Paul warning against in v. 33? Where else does Paul make a similar argument? How do Paul's comments in 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 help us have a balanced view of this?

# Summit Woods Baptist Church

# First Corinthians Sermon Study Equipping Class

14. What does v. 33 have to do with the resurrection?

15. What is the first command in v. 34? What is the description Paul offers for this command? What is Paul telling the Corinthians to do?

16. What is the second command in v. 34? How is this connected with the previous command? What do these commands have to do with the resurrection?

17. Why does Paul give the commands he does according to the end of v. 34? How is this a reason to cease from error and sin and awaken to righteousness?

18. Why does Paul conclude v. 34 the way he does?

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
First Corinthians Sermon Study Equipping Class

19. How does this section help you understand the importance of the resurrection for the Christian life?

20. In what ways does this section stir you up to live a more godly life in this present age?

21. In what ways does your thinking/living need to be altered in light of this passage?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that God would give us grace to have an eternal perspective like the apostle Paul as demonstrated in this passage. Pray that the preaching of God's Word would convict your heart, mind, and will, as well as the others who will hear it. Pray that we would not become dull to the eternal realities that we believe, but that we would allow them to impact our lives.