



# Potomac Hills

## Presbyterian Church, PCA



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### POTOMAC HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Personal and Group Study Guide for April 9, 2023*

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## *“If Christ Was Not Raised” - 1 Corinthians 15:12-23*

### **1 Corinthians 15:12-23**

*“Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ.”*  
*made me your mark? Why have I become a burden to you? <sup>21</sup> Why do you not pardon my transgression and take away my iniquity? For now I shall lie in the earth; you will seek me, but I shall not be.”*

**Remember this is a Community Group, not only a Bible Study.  
So spend at least 30 minutes sharing and praying for each other.**

**INTRODUCTION: “*In this life or the next.*”**

1. Do you know any people who think they’re going to heaven just because?  
People who don’t think that what they believe or how they live really matters?
2. In what situations can forgetting the basics work against you??

**15:12-19: THE IMPLICATIONS OF UNBELIEF**

1. There are six consequences of not believing in the resurrection. What are they? \*\*
2. How can we say that if there is no resurrection then there is no hope?

**15:20-23: THE IMPLICATIONS OF BELIEF**

3. What are firstfruits? And if Christ is the firstfruits, how does that bring us hope?
4. Why do we need a Second Adam? And if Christ is the Second Adam, how does that bring us hope?
5. How does the future reign of Christ bring us hope?
6. What do you think the day of His coming will be like?

**CONCLUSION: *The Orient Express***

7. Tim Keller has said, “If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that He said; if He didn’t rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said?” What do you think about that kind of statement?

**Prayer Focus:**

- **For those who need their faith to be strengthened.**
- **For those who need to be shown the love of Christ.**
- **For those who need to hear about the hope they have in Christ.**

**For This Week:**

Here are some other ways you can honor Christ this week:

**1. Reflect** on these Scriptures:

- Acts 26:19-23
- 2 Tim. 2:8-13
- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- 1 Thess. 4:13-18
- Job 19:25

**2. Listen** to the Spotify Playlist from The Gospel Coalition:

**[75 Songs for Holy Week](https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5qJgmKze7BcL3onj242gHR?si=f91d98930e5c4161&nd=1)**

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**3. Pray** for our missionaries – John & Sandy Supplee, MTW Enterprise

**4. Encourage** someone in the church whose faith is faltering.