

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:29-34
Topic: Resurrection. Vigilance.
Study: First Corinthians
Week: 63
Series: 4 of 5

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Life's Last Enemy ^{part 4}

Guarding Our Hope In a World That Doesn't Have It



1. Beware _____ (v.34b)

2. Pick _____ (vv.29-33)

3. Sober _____ (v.34a)

1 Cor. 15:29-34

²⁹ Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them?

³⁰ And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? ³¹ I die every day—I mean that, brothers—just as surely as I glory over you in Christ Jesus our Lord. ³² If I fought wild beasts in

Ephesus for merely human reasons, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

³³ Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." ³⁴ Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word "sin"?

Because the Bible often utilizes the word "sin" to describe *behaviors* and *attitudes*, the use of the word "sinning" in the passage we studied this weekend (v.34) often comes as a surprise to many Christians. Why do you think the kind of sin discussed in the first part of the sermon is as problematic (or even more problematic!) than sinful behaviors and attitudes?

2. In what subtle and unsuspecting ways have you been drawn away from your confidence in biblical truth?

What unbiblical influences can you curtail? What commitments will you make to do so?

3. Read **2 Timothy 3:13-17** and **1:13-14**. What specific steps will you take to ensure that you fulfill the directive found in 2 Timothy 1:14?
4. What prayerful reading will you engage in this month that will help ground you with a better understanding of biblical truth and/or inspire you to stand firm on biblical truth? (See the reading list below for ideas!)

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Jer. 5-6 & Gal. 6

Monday

Jer. 7-8 & Eph. 1

Tuesday

Jer. 9-10 & Eph. 2

Wednesday

Jer. 11-12 & Eph. 3

Thursday

Jer. 13-14 & Eph. 4

Friday

Jer. 15-16 & Eph. 5

Saturday

Jer. 17-18 & Eph. 6

Here are some resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon.

Douglas, J.D. & Philip Comfort. **Who's Who In Christian History**. Tyndale House, 1992. (747 pp)
Enns, Paul. **The Moody Handbook of Theology**. Moody Press, 1998. (688 pp)
Erickson, Millard J. **Christian Theology**. Second Edition. Baker Books, 1998. (1311 pp)
_____. **Introducing Christian Doctrine**. Second Edition. Baker Books, 2001. (436 pp)
Foxye, John. **Foxye's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926. (370 pp)
Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century**. Baker Books, 1996. (636 pp)
McGrath, Alister E. **The Christian Theology Reader**. Blackwell, 1995. (422 pp)
McKeehan, Toby & Mark Heimermann. **Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus**. Albury, 1999. (368 pp)
_____. **Jesus Freaks Volume 2: Stories of Revolutionaries Who Changed Their World**. Bethany, 2002. (384 pp)
Shelley, Bruce L. **Church History In Plain Language**. 2nd Edition. Word Publishing, 1995. (520 pp)
Thiessen, Henry Clarence. **Lectures in Systematic Theology**. Eerdmans, (454 pp)
Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001. (956 pp)
Wiersbe, Warren. **Living with the Giants: The Lives of Great Men of the Faith**. Baker Books, 1993. (274 pp)
Woodbridge, John D., ed. **Great Leaders of the Christian Church**. Moody Press, 1988. (384 pp)
_____. **More Than Conquerors: Portraits of Believers from All Walks of Life**. Moody, 1992. (360 pp)