

**Epic Faith and the Rational Mind**  
*Where the Beginning and Ending Meet*  
1 Corinthians 15

1. Origins: the \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Everyone is born without \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. No one is born without a \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ sets the stage (where, when, who, what, how)
2. Process: the \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Is influenced by \_\_\_\_\_ (primarily a *cultural* influence)
  - B. Is influenced by \_\_\_\_\_ (primarily a *family* influence)
  - C. Is \_\_\_\_\_ (*vicariously* is as close as it gets)
3. Conclusions: a \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Should involve \_\_\_\_\_ (regarding both issues)
  - B. Should never be \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Must be willing \_\_\_\_\_ at the end

**Conclusions** (1 Cor 1:18)

1. “\_\_\_\_\_” is never a confession of rationalism.
2. It’s everyone’s right to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Connect Group Study Guide**

(Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

1. How old were you when you first heard about Jesus’ crucifixion, burial, and resurrection? What was the context in which you were told? Who told you (family, friend, church person, other)?
2. Comparing Peter’s, Thomas’, and Paul’s experience with the resurrected Christ, whose story do you most relate to? What made their experiences so different?
3. How was your belief system shaped by public/private school experiences? By your families? Which influenced you more? Why?
4. What is the role of the family members, friends, and/or co-workers in influencing relationships for the sake of the Gospel?

(Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-20)

5. After reading, what were the opposing views to Paul’s version of the resurrection? Why might it be important for anyone to explain away the resurrection?
6. What was Paul’s response?
7. In respect to Epic Faith and the Rational Mind in the context of the Resurrection account, where does the “Beginning and the End Meet?” (1 Cor. 1:18)