

1 Corinthians 15:29-34

“Sober minded tests”

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1 Corinthians 15

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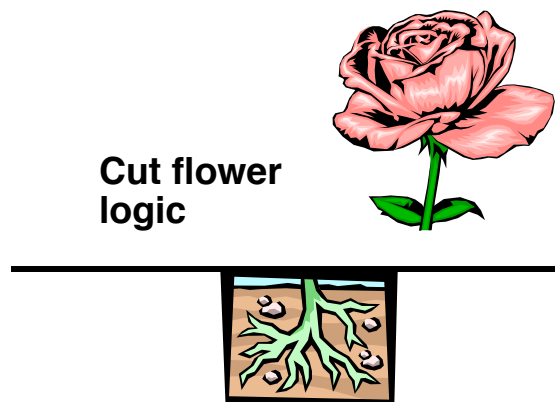
Sober minded test #1

**Does your life style make sense
given your faith world
view?**

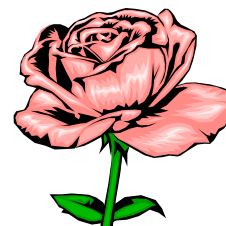
Paul did not divorce the Spirit from the mind.

“¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵ What is the outcome then? I shall pray with the spirit and I shall pray with the mind also;”

1 Corinthians 14



**Cut flower
logic**



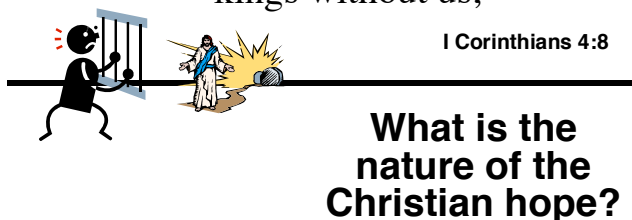
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Sober minded test #2

**Is your sacrifice worth it
given the nature of your hope?**

“You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us;”

1 Corinthians 4:8



**What is the
nature of the
Christian hope?**

“If the dead are not raised, *let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.*”



The carnal hope of the Corinthian church.

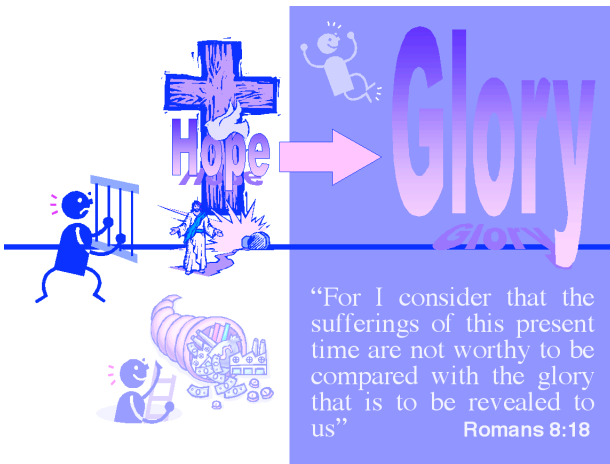


The spiritual hope of Paul.

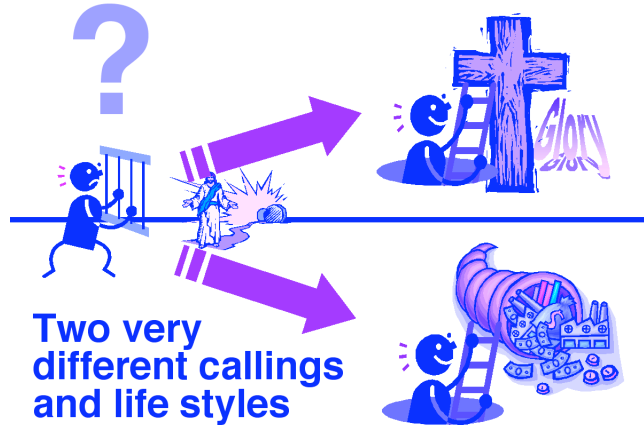


“If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.”

1 Corinthians 15:19



“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us”
Romans 8:18



Two very different callings and life styles

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Sober minded test #3

Are your investments profitable given your purpose and goal?

Food

What are you feeding on?

Fellowship

With whom are you yoked?

Fruit

How is it working for ya?