Sermon Outline Christ the First-fruits of the Great Harvest The Rev. Dr. S. Edd Cathey March 27, 2016

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 Denying the deniers!

1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Where did Paul get the idea of first-fruits? (Leviticus 23:9-11)

1. Christ has been raised from the dead with a forward look.

[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21] For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23] But each in his own order: Christ the first-fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

2. Christ is now reigning until his enemies are put under his feet.

[24] Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25] For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

3. Christ will finally destroy death itself.

[26] The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27] For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet."

To whom are you united (belong)?