

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION-#2
1 CORINTHIANS 15:21-34

Introduction

In our last message from 1 Corinthians we began to study about the resurrection. The introduction to the subject dealt with the resurrection of Christ and its relation to the teaching as a whole. We also saw that the resurrection was sustained by hard evidence and logic. In this message we will be considering the resurrection as it relates to spiritual warfare and the consequences of the resurrection.

**I. SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND THE RESURRECTION.
(15:21-25)**

A. Contrast Of The Two Adams. 15:21-22

Romans 5:12—"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

1. All die in Adam. i.e. Spiritual death.
2. All (the saved) are made alive in Christ.
i.e. Spiritual life.

B. The Beginning Of The End. 15:23

1. The order of the resurrection of the justified.
 - a. Christ the first fruits. 15:23;
(Romans 1:4; Matthew 27:51-54)
 - b. The Church (Believers in Christ)
John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
1 Corinthians 15:51-57
 - c. The Old Testament saints and the Tribulation
Martyrs. Daniel 12:13; Revelation 20:4
2. The particular resurrection spoken of in 15:23.
 - a. Christ
 - b. Believers (i.e. Rapture of the Church)

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C. The End Comes. 15:24

1. Then cometh the end. After the rapture.
At the end of the Tribulation period.
2. Happenings at the end.
 - a. The kingdoms are delivered up to God the Father.
 - b. He shall put down all rule, authority, and power. (Zechariah 13:2; Colossians 2:15; Ephesians 6:12; 2 Corinthians 4:4)
3. Teaching to be derived from this.
 - a. The Rapture calls up the body or bride to be prepared.
 - b. The Judgment Seat of Christ prepares the Bride to be holy and chaste. Cp Ephesians 5:27
 - c. At present Satan rules the world system.
2 Corinthians 4:4
 - (1) At the end of the Tribulation he will be put down.
 - (2) Glorified saints (those who constitute the Bride and/or body of Christ) will then be placed in ruling positions.
(Luke 19:11-17)

D. Christ Is To Reign Until All Enemies Are Put Under His Feet. 15:25

The last enemy is death.

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II. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE RESURRECTION.
(15:26-34)

A. There Will Be The Destruction Of Death. 15:26

B. There Will Be The Victory Of Christ. 15:27-28

God the Father will put all things under Christ except Himself.

This will fulfill *Psalms 110:1*—“*The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool...*”

Satan and his demons will be removed from the earth.
All these things will be done that God may be all in all. 15:28

The plan of redemption will be fully completed.

There will no longer be the various offices of Father, Son, and Spirit as there is in the redemption plan.
God will still be Triune.

Baptism is meaningful. 15:29

This verse anticipates those who will be baptized through the years to take the place of those who have died.

Baptism identifies Believers with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

If the resurrection is not a reality then why are people baptized?

Paul's suffering was worthwhile. 15:30-32

His life was constantly in jeopardy. 15:30

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Paul says that he died daily. 15:31

His fighting has been to no advantage if the resurrection is not a reality. 15:32

Warning is given against sinful living because of the resurrection. 15:33-34

Do not allow evil messages to corrupt you. 15:33

Paul was concerned about false messages concerning the resurrection. Cp Proverbs 13:20; Ephesians 4:29

Awake to righteousness and sin not. 15:34a

A knowledge of God (Bible doctrine) leads to righteous living. 15:34b

Conclusion

The resurrection points out the very important fact that death does not end life. There is life to follow.

In the life to follow we must give an account to God, our creator.

This fact is summed up by *Hebrews 9:27*—“*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*”

Are you ready for the judgment??