

Resurrected!

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

John 5:19-29

1 Corinthians 15:12-23



God Sent His Son to . . .

- to APPEASE HIS ANGER toward His people. (1 John 4:10; John 3:36)
- to be our SURETY for the sins of His people. (Hebrews 7:22; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:6; Psalm 69:8)
- to PAY the PENALTY for His people's sins. (Romans 8:32; Philippians 2:8; John 12:27; Ezek 18:4; Romans 6:23)
- to JUSTIFY His people. (Romans 4:24-25; 3:24; Titus 3:7; 1 Cor 6:11)
- to allow His people *experience* His GRACE. (Romans 3:24; 6:23; Eph 2:5, 8-9)



ROMANS 8:28-30

The Feasts of the Lord - God's Appointed Times of Amazing Grace

Feast of Passover (Exodus 12::; Leviticus 23:5)

- Christ died on the Feast of Passover. Christ rose on the Feast of Firstfruits. And Christ sent His Spirit on the Feast of Weeks.
- Christ is our Passover (1 Corinthians 5:7)
- God provided HIS LAMB (John 1:29, 36) and HE sacrificed HIS LAMB on the Cross as a SUBSTITUTE for HIS people. (Isaiah 53:10)

Feast of Unleavened Bread (Lev 23:6-8; Exodus 12:15-20; 13:3-10; 1 Cor 5:7-8)

- Cleansing of ALL leaven - a picture of sin.
- The burial of Christ - *with all over our sins*.
- The PARDON of sin - Isaiah 43:25; Micah 7:18-19; Psalm 103:10-12; Isaiah 38:17.
- A call to REPENTANCE - 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Feast of Firstfruits (Leviticus 23:9-14; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 15:20)

- BEFORE the Israelites could harvest their fields they were required to offer a "firstfruits" or a "representation of" offering to God. Once God accepted the

- "firstfruit" offering, then the rest could be harvested.
- Timing: the day after the Sabbath – the day after the Sabbath is the first day of the week – Sunday. (Matthew 28:1)
- Always within the Feast of Unleavened Bread (7 consecutive days after Passover).
- A priest was to offer a sheaf of firstfruits from the barley (early fruit) harvest before the LORD. – this was the FIRSTFRUITS of the harvest season.
 - ★ "sheaf" – a representative of the WHOLE harvest. ONE yet MANY!
- "to be accepted on your behalf" (Leviticus 23:11)
- It was to be offered up *with a burnt offering and grain (peace) offering* – NOTICE: NO SIN or TRESPASS offering!
- CHRIST IS OUR FIRSTFRUITS! (1 Corinthians 5:7; 15:20-23)
- "accepted on your behalf" (Ephesians 1:6)

Doctrine of THE Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15)

- For many in the church today the doctrine of the resurrection is simply Christ died, Christ was buried, and Christ rose again.
- BUT Paul uses this chapter to show not simply the resurrection of Christ but the doctrine of THE resurrection.
- Christ's resurrection was only the beginning of "THE resurrection"!
- The Bible (God's Word; God' Plan; God's Counsel) speaks of many "parts" of "THE resurrection".
- Paul's argument in Chapter 15 is not simply that Christ arose but to show the importance of Christ's resurrection which results in the resurrection for all whom He died.
- (John 5:28-29) Christ taught two different resurrections of humans:
 - ① The Resurrection of Life – for those who have done good!!
 - ② The Resurrection of Condemnation – for those who have done evil.
 - Christ taught that no one could come to the Father without Him raising him. (John 6:44)
 - Christ taught Mary, "I am the Resurrection and the Life, he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies." (John 11:25)
- (Daniel 12:2-3) Daniel, too, was moved by the Holy Spirit to write of these two resurrections.
 - ① Some will be risen to everlasting life.
 - ② Some will be risen to shame and everlasting contempt.
- (Romans 2:6-10) Paul wrote the saints about what awaits these two groups of people!
 - ① Eternal life, glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, who by patient continuance in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality.

- ② Indignation, wrath, tribulation, and anguish, on every soul of man who is self-seeking, does not obey the truth, obeys unrighteousness, who does evil.
- (Luke 14:14; Acts 24:15-16) Also, Luke wrote of two resurrections.
 - ① Resurrection of the Just
 - ② Resurrection of the Unjust

Questions About OUR Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:34-49)

- (v. 34) FIRST: Wake up!! REPENT! Ignorance will send you to hell.
- (v. 35) Questions:
 - How are the dead raised?
 - What kind of body will we have?
 - 1 John 3:2
- Paul's answers:
 - ① (vv. 36-38) Illustration from nature.
 - ② (vv. 39-42) Earthly vs glorified bodies
 - ③ (vv. 42-49) What will our glorified body be like

A Suitable Body Needed

- God has and will give us bodies suitable for the environment He puts us!
 - God gave us natural bodies suitable for living here on earth.
 - God will give His people bodies suitable for heaven.
 - God will give His enemies bodies suitable to sustain their lives for eternity in hell where there will be endless darkness and pain. (Matthew 25:41; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20:11-15)

Our Glorified Bodies (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

- ❶ Our natural body will be buried in corruption but it will be raised in incorruption.
 - ★ Our natural bodies are bodies that are perishing!
 - ★ "All flesh is grass . . . the grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever." (Isaiah 40:6-8; 1 Peter 1:24; Psalm 102:11; 103:15-16)
 - ★ "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." (James 4:14; Job 7:6-7; 9:25-26; 14:1-2; Psalm 39:5; 90:5-7; Isaiah 38:12; 1 John 2:17)
 - ☆ BUT when we are resurrected there will be no more sin, no more curse, no more pain, no more decay, no more death!
- ❷ Our natural body will be buried in dishonor, but it will be raised in glory and honor.
 - ★ Because of sin we all fall short in pleasing God and being what we ought to be in this world. (ought – Colossians 1:10)

- ★ We all fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23; Ecclesiastes 7:20; 1 John 1:8-10)
- ★ We dishonor God by not using our bodies and its members as "instruments of righteousness to God". (Romans 6:13)
- ☆ BUT when we are resurrected we will be resurrected with bodies that cannot sin! All that we do will be to bring glory to our Creator! See John 17:22
- ③ Our natural body will be buried in weakness, but it will be raised in power.
 - ★ We are weak physically and spiritually because of sin.
 - ★ Our natural bodies are likened to "tents" and our resurrected bodies to "buildings". (2 Corinthians 5:1, 4; 2 Peter 1:13-14)
 - ☆ BUT when we are resurrected we will no longer say, "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." (Matthew 26:41)
 - ☆ Our resurrected bodies will be suited for any task in heaven.
- ④ Our natural body will be buried as a natural one, but it will be raised a spiritual one.
 - ☆ Our resurrected bodies will be "like" the angels . . . Luke 20:34-36.
- ⑤ In our natural body we bear the image of the first man, Adam, but we will be raised in the image of the second man, Christ!
 - (Romans 8:29) God predestined that ALL those whom He chose to be His people will be conformed into the image of His Son. The transformation begins at new birth and will be completed at the resurrection.
 - (1 John 3:2) We will be like Him – the second Adam!

OUR FEAST!

- Christ is OUR Firstfruit (our Sheaf). (1 Corinthians 15:20, 23)
- He presented HIMSELF (a "sheaf" of Firstfruit) to the LORD "*on our behalf.*" - John 20:17; Leviticus 23:11; Titus 2:14; Galatians 2:20
- Jesus Christ, as our priest, offered Himself as our Firstfruit offering *and it was ACCEPTED!* (Ephesians 5:1-2)
- WE ARE ACCEPTED IN CHRIST OUR FIRSTFRUIT SHEAF! (Eph. 1:6)
 - ★ ONE CAN ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY GOD *IN CHRIST!*
- When Christ rose we rose! (Ephesians 2:1, 5)
- When Christ ascended we ascended. (Ephesians 2:6)
- When Christ sat down at the right hand of the Father, we sat down with Him. (Ephesians 2:6)
- We are ALREADY in heaven because we have already been ACCEPTED!

THEREFORE . . . (1 Corinthians 15:58) •