

1 Corinthians 15 and the Resurrection

Part 3 - All Will Be Raised - 15:20-34

Christ Has Assured the Resurrection

15:20-22

- Paul declares, **Christ is raised from the dead as the first fruits** – 15:20
- Paul explains why – 15:21-22
 - Paul sees the creation account is fact
 - Since death came through Adam/man, life had to come through the man Christ Jesus – Heb. 2:14-15; Jn. 5:25-29; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Pet. 1:21-22

The Order of the Resurrection - 15:23-26

- The resurrection has already begun in Christ - 15:23
 - Christ is the first fruits.
 - When Christ returns, those who are Christ will be raised.
- When those who are Christ's are raised, then comes the end - 15:24-25
 - The resurrection of Christ's people marks the end of all things including Christ's kingdom and rule - Dan. 7:14; Acts 2:31-35
 - Christ must rule until all enemies are defeated - 1 Thess. 4:16-17
 - The second coming brings the resurrection, *ends* Christ's reign, and God's people ascend to be with the Lord in heaven forever!

Actions Based on the Resurrection

15:29-32

- Baptism for the dead - 15:29
 - Much speculation
 - What Paul refers to must be scriptural
 - Biblical baptism unites one with Christ's death, burial, AND resurrection - Acts 2:37-41; Rom. 6:4-5, 8-9
 - Point: Why be baptized if no resurrection?
- Suffering for Christ and the gospel - 15:30-32

Behavior Required by the Resurrection - 15:33-34

- We must not be deceived by false teaching - 15:33
 - What we believe about the resurrection, etc., matters.
 - Associating with those who teach false doctrine will hurt your faith.
- We must sober up and stop sinning - 15:34
 - Being led away from faith in the resurrection is sin.
 - The resurrection is to change how we live.