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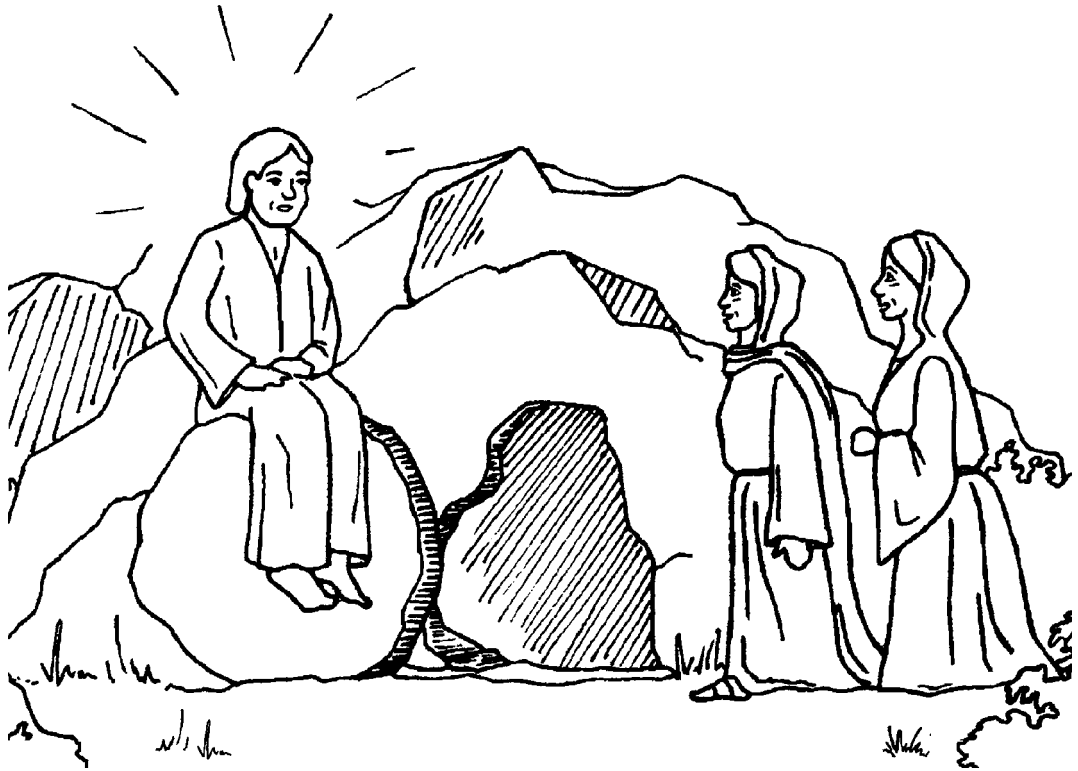


*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing
that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 15:58

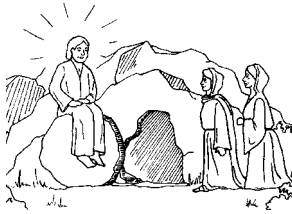
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Paul reminded the Corinthian believers of the **gospel**. Christ died for our sins. He was buried and was raised again on the third day.

Christ appeared to Cephas, the twelve, five hundred at once, James, all the apostles, and Paul.

Paul was amazed Christ was shown to him after he hurt the church. Paul could work more because of God's **grace**. Their belief was through God's grace.

If Christ was raised from the dead, how can some say there is no resurrection? If there is no resurrection, Christ could not have been raised. If Christ was not raised, our preaching and faith are empty. We are false witnesses, since we said God raised Christ.

We would still be in our sins. Those who have already died in Christ would have perished. If the only hope in this life is in Christ, we are to be pitied more than anyone.

Christ was raised from the dead. Through **Adam** all die. Through **Christ** all will be made alive. Those in Christ will be raised at his coming.

Jesus will deliver the kingdom to God the Father after he does away with all rule, authority, and power. He will reign until he puts all enemies under his feet including death. God is over everything. Everything is subject to God, even the Son is subject to the Father.

If the dead do not live again, then we can eat and drink as we want because all die. Beware, bad company corrupts good morals. Stop sinning since people around you have no knowledge of God.

How are the dead raised? What you sow has no life until it dies. You sow a bare grain, and God gives it a body. The flesh of man, beasts, birds, and fish is all different. Heavenly and earthly bodies are different. Their glory is different. The sun, moon, and stars are different in their glory like the resurrection of the dead. A dying body is sown

naturally in dishonor and weakness to be raised spiritually in **glory** and **power**. Adam was a living soul. The last Adam is a life-giving spirit. The **first** man is earthly, the **second** heavenly.

We have the image of the earthy, and will have the image of the heavenly. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. They will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. At the last trumpet there will be a trumpet sound. The dead will be raised, no longer able to die. Mortals become eternal.

Where is the victory and sting of death? The sting of death is sin. The power of sin is in the law. God gives victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

We should be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Your work is not in vain in the Lord.

They should set aside gifts for the saints. Paul would visit after going through Macedonia. He might spend the winter with them. Paul would stay in Ephesus until Pentecost since there were great opportunities and adversaries.

Paul asked them care for Timothy who was doing the Lord's work. Paul wanted Apollos to come to him, so Apollos would leave as soon as possible.

They should stand in the faith like strong men, acting in love. Paul wrote about a new believer in Achaia, Stephanos, who served the saints. The Corinthian believers should be subject to those who labor in the work. Stephanos, Fortunanus, and Achaicus had visited and encouraged him when others could not.

Paul sent greetings from the churches in Asia including Aquila and Prisca and the church in their home. The brothers sent greetings. They should greet one another with a holy kiss. Paul wrote the greetings himself. He said anyone who did not love the Lord should be accursed. Maranatha. Paul prayed the grace of the Lord Jesus would be with them. He sent his love in Christ Jesus.

QUESTIONS:	What did Paul explain about the resurrection of Christ? What does Paul say about Adam? What does Paul say about future things?
PRAYER:	Father, thank you for always loving us and drawing us to yourself.

ACTIVITY PAGE

Lesson 44: The Resurrection of Christ

PASSAGE:	1 Corinthians 15-16
VERSE:	1 Cor. 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.
SONGS:	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness," "He Is Lord," "Jesus Paid It All"
ACTIVITIES:	<p>Adam and Eve Review: Review the story of the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden by using pictures. Adam's sin brought sin and death to all of mankind.</p> <p>SAY: In Ephesus Paul was writing a letter to the believers at Corinth. Paul turned from answering the people's questions to reminding them about the resurrection of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Man's History Obstacle Course: Make an obstacle course including signs with words and/or pictures representing 5-6 of the most important of these: creation, the fall, the flood, the tower of Babel, Abraham and Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, Moses, the promised land, David and Solomon, divided Israel, 400 silent years, the birth of Jesus, and the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.</p> <p>SAY: God had everything planned from the beginning.</p> <p>Five Hundred People: Help the children illustrate five hundred people by using blocks or other objects.</p> <p>SAY: Jesus showed Himself to five hundred people at once after His resurrection.</p> <p>Jesus' Last Week: Have the children act out some events of the last week when Jesus was crucified.</p> <p>SAY: Jesus died for our sins, was buried and rose again victorious over sin and death.</p> <p>The Disciples: Make copies of the name of the disciples. Help the children say the names.</p> <p>SAY: Tell the children when each of the disciples saw Jesus after the resurrection.</p> <p>Passage People: Make copies of the names of people in the passage. Use: Paul, Timothy, Apollos, Adam, Christ, Stephanos, Fortunanus, Achaicus, Aquila and Prisca.</p> <p>SAY: Tell them something about each person as they make the matches.</p> <p>Easter Egg Review: Use plastic eggs. Place one object related to the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus in each egg. Let the children open the eggs one at a time and talk about how that object relates to the story. Talk about things in heaven.</p> <p>Snack: Round crackers (representing the earth, sun, moon, stars, etc.; water. Ask the children questions related to the history of man.</p> <p>Rest and Think: Think about how Jesus is going to come from heaven some day to take those who have trusted Him as their Savior to be with Him in heaven.</p>