

The Resurrection of Christ

Find and fill in the missing words for each version of the verses below. (1 Cor 15:3-4)

Put the number in the box to show the versions. What do the differences and similarities tell you?

1) For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ _____ for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was _____, and that He was _____ on the third day according to the Scriptures.

2) For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ _____ for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was _____, and that He _____ again the third day according to the Scriptures.

3) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ _____ for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was _____, and that he _____ again the third day according to the Scriptures.

4) For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ _____ for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was _____, that he was _____ on the third day according to the Scriptures.

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 dealt with many issues that were important to the believers at Corinth. He also reminded them of the gospel. They had received this gospel and even stood in it then. This gospel would save them if their belief was not in vain. Paul said the gospel was of first importance.

The _____ is that Christ died for our sins as the Scriptures said. He was buried and raised on the third day just as the Scriptures said. Then He appeared to Cephas and to the twelve. He appeared to others also: five hundred at once, James, all the apostles, Paul himself.

Paul was amazed since he had persecuted the church of God. Paul knew God's grace made him what he was. Paul worked more than others because of God's _____. The Corinthians believed because of God's grace.

If Christ was raised from the dead, how do some say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection, then Christ could not have been raised. If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is empty and your faith is empty. We are even false witnesses of God, since we said God raised Christ. If the dead are not raised, then He did not raise Christ.

If Christ was not raised, your faith is worthless. You would still be in your sins. Those who had already died in Christ would have perished. If the only hope in this life is in Christ, then we are to be pitied more than anyone else.

However, Christ was raised from the dead. He is the first fruits of the dead. Death came by a man. So too, resurrection from the dead has come by a man. Through _____ we all die, and now through _____ we will all be made alive. Christ is the first fruits, and those who are in Christ will be raised at His coming.

Then the end will come. Jesus will deliver the kingdom to the God and Father after He does away with all rule and authority and power. He will reign until He puts all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be removed is death. Jesus has put everything under His feet. He said everything is under subjection. That means God is over everything else. When everything is

subject to God, even the Son will be subject to the Father. God is all in all.

What will happen to those who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised up, why are they baptized for them? Paul protested that he died daily. Did Paul profit from fighting with the wild beasts at Ephesus? Indeed, if the dead do not live again, then we may as well eat and drink as we please because we will soon die.

Beware, bad company will corrupt good morals. You should be sober-minded. Stop sinning. There are people around you with no knowledge of God. This is a shame for you.

Some might wonder how the dead are raised. What kind of body will they have? The person who asks this is a fool. There is no life in what you sow unless it first dies. You do not sow the body that will be raised. You sow a bare grain, whatever it is. God gives the seed the body of His choice. Each seed has its own body.

The flesh of man, beasts, birds and fish is all different. There is also a difference between a heavenly and an earthly body. The glory of each is different. The sun, moon and stars all differ in their glory. The resurrection of the dead is the same way. A perishable body becomes one that will not perish. This body is sown naturally in dishonor and weakness. It will be raised spiritually in _____ and _____. Adam became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. The natural comes before the spiritual. The _____ man is earthly. The _____ is heavenly.

Those who are earthly are earthly. Those who are heavenly are like the heavenly. Just as we have the image of the earthly, we will have the image of the heavenly. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Those who are perishable do not inherit the imperishable. Paul explained the mystery that they would not all sleep. They would be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. At the last trumpet there will be a trumpet sound, and the dead will be raised, no longer able to perish. We will be changed. Mortals will put on immortality. Then death will be swallowed up in victory.

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QUESTIONS: What are some things Paul explained about the resurrection of Christ?
What does Paul say about Adam? What does Paul say about future things?

Lesson 44: The Resurrection of Christ

DAY 1 BIBLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15-16

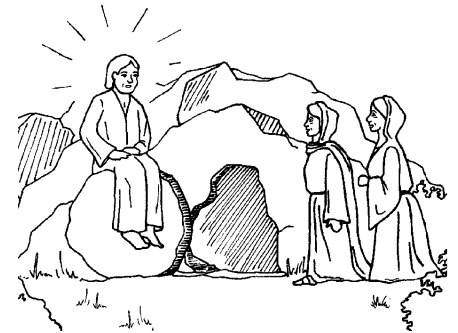
1. To whom did Jesus appear according to 1 Corinthians 15:5-8? _____
2. What does Paul say about himself in 1 Corinthians 15:9-11? _____
3. Christ d _____ for our sins, He was b _____ and was
r _____ on the third day. (1 Cor. 15:3-4) How is this important to you?

4. If there is no r _____ of the dead, not even Christ has
been r _____. (15:13) As in Adam a _____ d _____, so also in Christ
a _____ shall be m _____ a _____. (15:22)

DAY 2 WORD SEARCH: Find the following key words hidden below:

Adam, alert, all, apostle, appeared, beasts, birds, buried, Cephas, changed, Christ, church, death, died, eat, die, drink, earthly, fish, glory, gospel, grace, heavenly, image, kingdom, love, man, men, moon, mystery, persecuted, power, preach, raised, reign, resurrection, saved, Scriptures, sin, spiritual, stars, strong, subjection, sun, third, twelve, vain, word

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DAY 3 BIBLE VERSE: Use the reference to find missing words.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be _____, immovable,
always abounding in the _____ of the _____, knowing that your
_____ is not _____ in the Lord.

1. Define the following words as used in 1 Corinthians 15:58:
steadfast -
immovable -
abounding -
in vain -

2. How do the definitions help you understand 1 Corinthians 15:58? _____

3. What does 1 Corinthians 15:58 say to you? _____

DAY 4 BIBLE ACTIVITY:

Match the descriptions of the days of creation with the correct number.

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| 1 | sun, moon, stars |
| 2 | heavens and earth |
| 3 | fish and birds |
| 4 | animals and man |
| 5 | waters above and below |
| 6 | land, sea, vegetation |

1. What did Paul tell the people in 1 Corinthians 16:1-4? How is this important to you? _____

2. Mark Macedonia on the maps in the back.

3. What do you know, or what can you find out about Macedonia? _____

4. What did Paul tell the people in 1 Corinthians 16:5-9? How is this important? _____

5. What did Paul say about Timothy? (1 Cor. 16:10-11) _____

6. What did Paul say about Apollos? (16:12) _____

7. List the things Paul urged the people to do in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14. _____

8. What did Paul say about Stephanas and the others? (16:15-18) _____

9. How are these people an example to you? _____

10. How does Paul end the letter? (16:19-24) _____

DAY 5 THINK, TALK, DO: What do you think; who can you talk with; what will you do?

1. Five witnesses to the well-documented resurrection of Jesus Christ are in 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Give the verses for each of these witnesses:

a) the church _____, b) the Scriptures _____, c) eye witnesses _____, d) a special witness _____, e) unified message of all the witnesses _____.

2. How is each witness to the resurrection important to you? _____

3. Who was a coward? _____, an unbeliever? _____, a persecuter of the church _____. How are their testimonies important? _____

4. Which chapter or truth of 1 Corinthians is most challenging (encouraging) to you, and how? What do you need to do? _____