

Gospel HOPE (Part 2) - TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 33-34

# Resurrection's CERTAINTY: 1 Corinthians 15:20

- 1) FACT Jesus' tomb is EMPTY and He APPEARED to hundreds: 1 Corinthians 15:3–8
- 2) **They became WITNESSES:** Acts 5:30–32. See also: Acts 1:8, 2:24, 2:32; 3:15, 10:39-41, 13:31

## Resurrection's IMPACT: 1 Corinthians 15:21

- 1) Why do we DIE?
  - a) Adam's CONSEQUENCE for His SIN: Gen. 2:16–17. See: 3:19
  - b) OUR CONSEQUENCE for our SIN and our inescapable REALITY: Romans 6:23a. See also: James 1:15
- 2) Death REIGNS (temporarily!) over ALL our lives:
  - a) Through FEAR: Hebrews 2:15b
  - b) Our PRESENT spiritual REALITY: Ephesians 2:1–3
- 3) Christ's RESURRECTION brings LIFE to ALL who believe in Him: 1 Corinthians 15:22
  - a) His LIFE brings us LIFE: John 14:19b See: 11:25; Romans 5:17, 21
  - b) Life ETERNAL: Romans 6:23
  - c) A PRESENT and FUTURE REALITY: Ephesians 2:4–7
  - d) An EMBODIED REALITY upon Christ's RETURN: 1 Cor. 15:49

### Resurrection's ORDER: 1 Corinthians 15:23

- 1) JESUS is the FIRSTBORN of all creation (eternally begotten) AND the FIRSTBORN from the DEAD: Colossians 1:15, 18. See: Acts 26:23
- 2) As Jesus has been RAISED from the GRAVE, so shall WE be: 1 Corinthians 15:52. See also: 1 Cor. 6:14; 2 Cor. 4:14; 1 Thess. 4:16
- 3) We're WAITING for our EARTHLY, DECAYING FLESH to be clothed with IMPERISHABLE LIFE: 2 Corinthians 5:2–4. See also: 1 Cor. 15:53

### Resurrection's VICTORY: 1 Corinthians 15:24

- 1) Jesus is PRESENTLY REIGNING: 1 Corinthians 15:25
- 2) Upon His RESURRECTION, Jesus was GRANTED ALL AUTHORITY: Matthew 28:18
- 3) Jesus has DISARMED all competing SPIRITUAL CLAIMS and POWERS: Colossians 2:13–15. See also: Romans 5:17, 21
- 4) Jesus has DEFEATED SATAN and DELIVERED us from the FEAR of DEATH: Hebrews 2:14–15. See also: 1 John 3:8
- 5) **Jesus has DISABLED death's current DOMINION:** Romans 6:9. See also: 2 Timothy 1:10
- 6) **Upon HIS RETURN, He will VANQUISH DEATH forever**: 1 Cor. 15:26; Revelation 21:4; 1 Corinthians 15:54. See also: Revelation 20:14
- 7) THEREFORE, we can be CERTAIN of our HOPE in our bodily RESURRECTION: Romans 8:11

# Resurrection's AUTHORITY: 1 Corinthians 15:27a. cf: Psalm 8:6

- 1) Jesus was RAISED that He may have ALL AUTHORITY over ALL THINGS for ALL TIME: Daniel 7:14. See also: Ephesians 1:19-23; Philippians 2:5-11
- 2) **EXCEPT, God the FATHER**: 1 Corinthians 15:27b
- 3) When God the FATHER has brought ALL THINGS under JESUS' AUTHORITY THEN, JESUS will SUBJECT HIMSELF to the FATHER, SO that EVERYTHING may be under the FATHER'S AUTHORITY FOREVER: 1 Corinthians 15:24a, 28. See: Psalm 110:1; Eph. 1:19-23
- 4) Will the RESURRECTION REIGN in YOUR LIFE today? 2 Cor. 5:15
  - a) OR will you let theologically ignorant and wicked FRIENDS / FAMILY CONTROL you? 1 Cor. 15:33. See also: Proverbs 13:20
  - b) Will you be INTOXICATED with WORLDLY VALUES and PHILOSOPHIES? 1 Corinthians 15:34a. See: Romans 13:11
  - c) Will you go on sinning as if the RESURRECTION isn't real? 1 Corinthians 15:34b
  - d) Will you shamefully IMPAIR your WITNESS instead of PROCLAIMING the certain HOPE of the RESURRECTION by how you live? 1 Corinthians 15:34cd

# 1) BELIEVE: WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF? 2) ASSESS: HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME? 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story) 4) CHANGE: WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week? 5) PROCLAIM: WHO does God want ME to share these truths with?

6) PREPARE for NEXT WEEK: Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

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