

Christ Was Raised According To The Scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:1-58

Key Verse: 15:3-4

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures....”

* THE GOSPEL OF THE RESURRECTION (1-11)

1. Of what did Paul want to remind them? (1) What should we do to be saved? (2) What is the essence of the gospel? (3-4) Why did Jesus die on the cross? (Isa53:5-6; 1Pe2:24) What fundamental problem did Christ's resurrection solve? (Ro6:23; Heb9:27) Think about the importance of the phrase "according to the Scriptures."

2. To whom did the Risen Christ appear? (5-8) Through meeting the Risen Christ, how was Peter changed? (Mk14:66-72; Ac4:10-12) How did Paul become a resurrection witness? (8; Ac9:1-22) How was this the grace of God to him, and what effect did it have? (8-10) How are their changed lives evidence of Christ's resurrection?

* THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION (12-34)

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3. What were some Corinthians claiming about the resurrection? (12) What serious consequences did Paul list in regards to: a) our devotion to the gospel (13-15a); b) our belief about God? (15b); c) our sin problem (16-17); d) our hope (18-19)?

4. How does Paul emphasize the fact of Christ's resurrection, and what glorious hope does this give those who believe? (20) What does "firstfruits" mean? How does Christ's resurrection guarantee eternal life to all who believe? (21-22) When will this happen? (23)

5. What will the Risen Christ do to restore the kingdom to God the Father? (24-28) What is the last enemy to be destroyed? (26)

6. How did Paul live with practical resurrection faith? (29-32) What does "I die every day" mean to all who have resurrection faith? (cf. Lk9:23) What is the philosophy and lifestyle of those without resurrection faith? (32b-34)

* THE GLORY OF THE RESURRECTION (35-58)

7. What question did Paul address? (35) How did he rebuke them, and what metaphor did he use? (36-38) What principle is here? (36; Jn12:24) In the natural world, what do the different kinds of flesh and splendor teach us about God and about the resurrection body? (39-41)

8. What kind of bodies do we have now, and what will our resurrection bodies be like? (42-44a) How did Paul show the progression from the natural to the spiritual?

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(44b) How can we receive a spiritual body? (45-46) How were Adam and Christ different? (47) How can we bear the likeness of the man from heaven? (48-49)

9. To inherit the kingdom of God, how must we be changed? (50-51) What glorious future event does Paul mention, and what will happen to believers at the last trumpet? (52-54) What was Paul's victory song over death? (55-56)

10. How can we live a victorious life? (57) When we believe in Christ's resurrection, what should we strive to do, and why should we live such a life? (58)