



# 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians Chapter 15 part 1

## The Resurrection of Jesus!

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**1CO.15:1** Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and **wherein ye stand;**

**1CO.15:2** **By which also ye are saved,** if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

**1CO.15:3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, **how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;**

**ISA.53:5-6** *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

**1CO.15:4** And that he was buried, and that **he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**



**PSA.16:10-11** *For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy...*

**1CO.15:5** And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

**1CO.15:6** After that, he was seen of about **five hundred brethren at once**; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

**1CO.15:7** After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

**ACT.1:3** *To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.*

**JOH.20:16-17** *...Jesus said unto her, touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.*

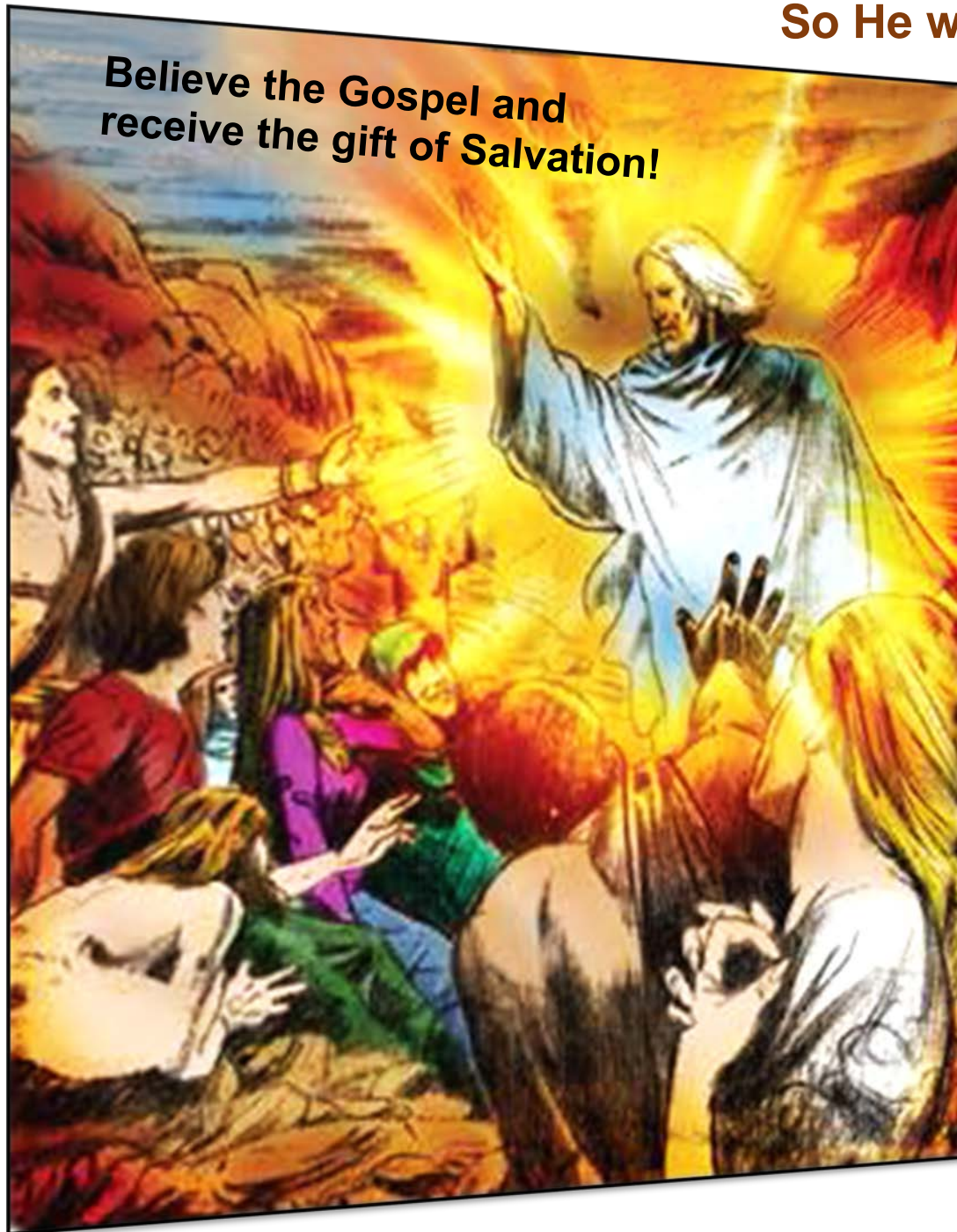


For some reason or other he was to go to the Father first, perhaps because the Father wanted to be the first to embrace Him, the first to receive Him, the first to touch Him, the first to honor Him! We don't know exactly why that was, but He was to go there first. It certainly was a matter of honoring the Father, the Son returning to the Father in the Heavenlies from whence He had come. But we're sure when He came back then, which He did very shortly, that He embraced them all and there's the record! He ate with them, drank with them, read the Scriptures with them, talked with them, cooked for them, and did all kinds of things for 40 days. For 40 days He was seen by over 500 different people after that. Just think!

And He was willing to try to help convince some of the “*reasoners*” who were walking down the road to Emmaus still wondering about the Scriptures and discussing, to show them that He was really the Messiah. He reasoned the Scriptures with them as they walked along. He was able to conceal His identity through some means and convince them that Jesus really was the Messiah, although they didn't even realize that it was Jesus walking with them! (Lk.24:13-31)







So He went around giving some encouragement and doing a lot of little things that he wanted to do before he returned up, in order to send the Holy Spirit back again. He said, "*I must needs go away that I might send unto you another Comforter.*" (John 16:7) But He spent 40 days and 40 nights here! Think of it! -- Personally going around encouraging, comforting and preaching, even the three days and nights (See Mt.12:40) He spent in the "*heart of the earth*" preaching to the poor people down there! (Jn.5:21, 25) We don't know what kind of system He used, but it apparently didn't take very long for Him to preach the Gospel to them, and there must have been quite a few down there. The Lord must have gotten around and preached to everybody who deserved to hear it.

*"By which also he went and **preached (the gospel)** unto the spirits in prison; which sometimes were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."* (1Pe3:19, 20 & 4:6)





And then He spent 40 days encouraging His Disciples, teaching them, encouraging the faith of this one and that one, like doubting Thomas, proving that He had risen from the dead for sure, so there would be no doubt about it. Isn't that wonderful? He walked through doors, He appeared and disappeared, He did a lot of miracles while He was back from the dead in His resurrection body! He did some very amazing things, but He also showed Himself to still be quite human! He ate with them, He drank with them, and He even cooked for them, to prove that He was really a resurrected Lord and had a supernatural, miraculous Resurrection body! (Jn.20:19, 26, 30; 21:6-13).

*LUK.24:30-43 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; **for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have**...And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of a honeycomb. And he took it, and **did eat before them**.*

**1CO.15:8** And **last of all he was seen of me also**, as of one born out of due time.

**ACT.9:3-5** *And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly **there shined round about him a light** from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, who art thou, Lord? **And the Lord said, I am Jesus...***

**1CO.15:9** For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

**1CO.15:10** But by the grace of God **I am what I am**: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; **but I labored more abundantly than they all**: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

**2CO.11:23** *Are they ministers of Christ? I am more; **in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.***

**1CO.15:11** Therefore **whether it were I or they**, so we preach, and **so ye believed**.





Paul says it really doesn't matter who preached to you, if it is him (Paul) or someone else. What is important is that you respond to the Spirit of God and turn to the One the Father has sent.

**1CO.15:12** Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

**1CO.15:13** But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

There are always some around who say there is no resurrection of the dead. It was true of Paul's day and it is true for us. Remember, Paul saw the risen Christ. So did John and Peter and many more. They told others and it was written down, just as it was seen. These were eye witness accounts.





**It was revealed to the prophet Daniel that those who "sleep in the dust of the earth *shall awake*, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt" (Daniel 12:2).**

**The time of this will be the "time of the end, when many shall run to-and-fro (unprecedented transportation capabilities) and knowledge will increase" (Daniel 12:4). The transportation and knowledge explosion we are experiencing is unprecedented in history - He will soon return and the resurrection of all will be revealed to all.**

**Of course, Paul is saying, if there is no resurrection like Daniel was taught by God, then Christ Himself would not be risen. There either is a resurrection for all or there is not.**





**1CO.15:14** And if **Christ be not risen**, then is our preaching vain, **and your faith is also vain.**

**1CO.15:15** Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

**1CO.15:16** For if the dead rise not, then is not **Christ raised:**

**1CO.15:17** And if **Christ be not raised**, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. *(1Pe.1:3)*

**1CO.15:18** Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are **perished.**

**1CO.15:19** If in this life only we have hope in **Christ**, we are of all men **most miserable.**  
*(1Pe.1:21)*

***ACT.2:24*** *Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.*

The Scriptures say over and over again that there's a better place, and *"if in this life only we have hope, we are of all men most miserable."* The Christian's hope has always been to go to Heaven and be with the Lord. This life is pretty difficult and gets pretty intolerable sometimes; Christians all down through the ages have sung about, written and longed for the time when they would go to be with the Lord.



And not just Christians, but almost all religions look forward to a better World beyond this one!

Paul said that *"to depart and be with Christ is far better" than this life, and that "we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house (body) which is from Heaven."*— (Phil.1:23; 2Cor.5:2.)

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