

## **1 Corinthians 15: 55-57**

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**The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

**Jesus' death on the cross was the remittance of sin and death.**



His resurrection is the receipt.

On that Good Friday, He paid for our sin, He was the victim, but on that Resurrection Sunday, He was the Victor.

On good Friday He is the Lamb but on Resurrection Sunday He is the Lord.

**Title**

**CELEBRATE THE  
VICTORY  
OF JESUS**

**1. The Reality of Jesus' Resurrection.**


**2. The Relevance of Jesus' Resurrection.**

**3. The Reason to Celebrate Jesus' Resurrection.**

This chapter talks about the resurrection of Jesus and our resurrection.




# **I. THE REALITY OF JESUS' RESURRECTION (v1-2)**



"Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the **GOSPEL** which I preached to you, which also you **RECEIVED** and in which you **STAND,** by which also you are saved, if you **HOLD FAST** that word which I preached to you — unless you believed in vain."

The word gospel means **"good news."** It could describe any good news. But the best news ever is that we can be saved from the punishment we deserve from God because of what Jesus did for us.





**What must we do with the Gospel?**

# 1. We must first **RECEIVE** the gospel.

The message of the gospel must first be believed and embraced.


"For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe." (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

## **2. We must also STAND in the gospel.**

Despite all their problems the Corinthian believers still stood for the gospel in contrast to the Galatian church, who was quickly being moved away to another gospel.

## **3. We must continue to do well, and HOLD FAST.**

Every Christian must take seriously their responsibility to not only have a good past, and a good present, but to determine to have a great future with the Lord.



Hold fast also implies there are some people or some things which might want to snatch the true good news away. All the more we have to hold on!

The gospel is not an insightful teaching or good advice. At the core of the gospel are things that happened - actual, real, historical events.

The gospel is not a matter of religious opinions, platitudes, or fairy tales. It is about real historical events.

**The gospel is real.**

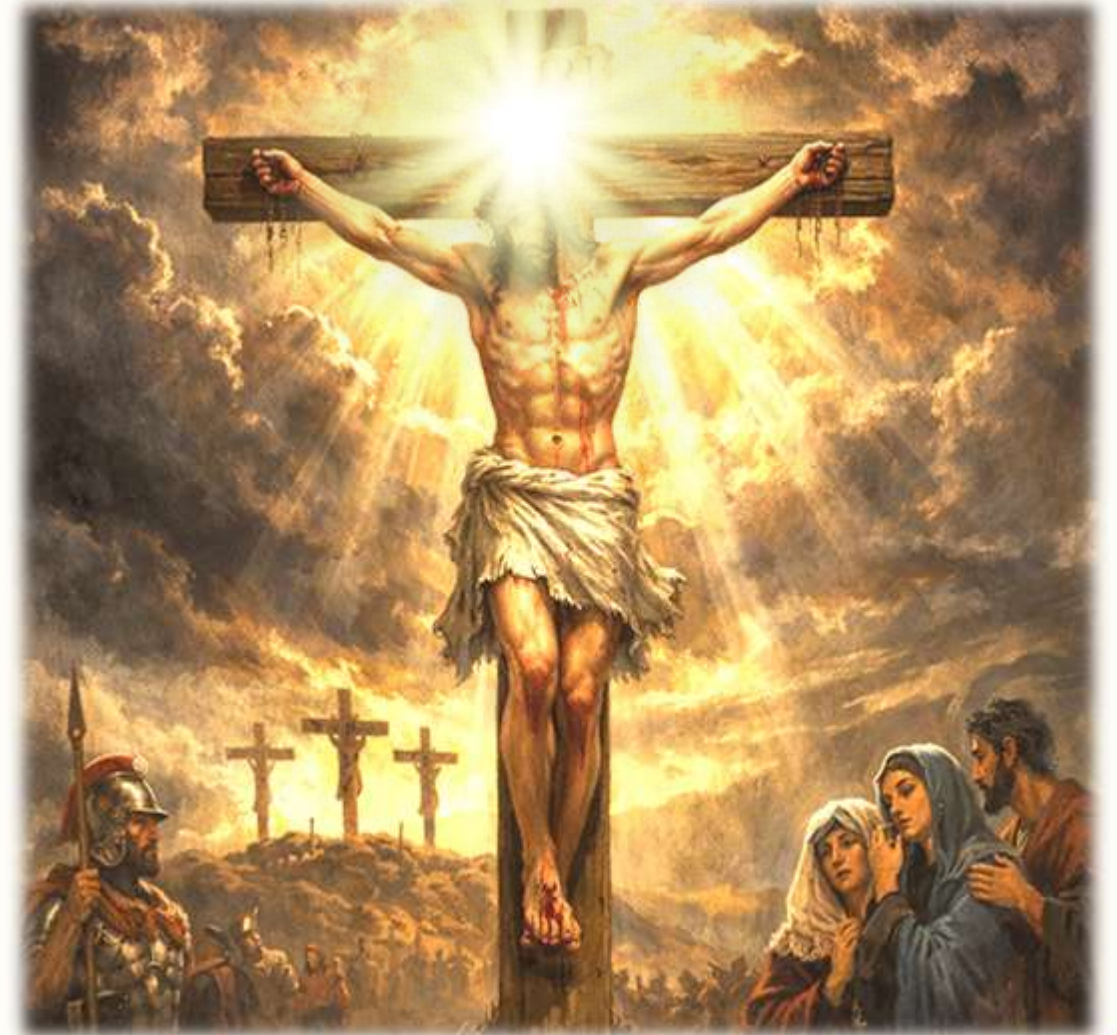




**Spurgeon: "Our religion is not based upon opinions, but upon facts."**


**The death of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God, is the center of the gospel.**

**It is salvation to those who will believe.**





**Why is the resurrection of Jesus  
so important?**



If the cross is the payment for our sins, the empty tomb is the receipt, showing that the perfect Son of God made perfect payment for our sins.

The cross was a time of victorious death, a negative triumph.

The resurrection showed that Jesus did not succumb to the inevitable result of sin.

The resurrection is proof of His conquest.



## **II. THE RELEVANCE OF JESUS' RESURRECTION.**



**What is connected to the  
Resurrection of Jesus?**

# 1. The Resurrection of Jesus Proves There is a Resurrection. (v12- 13)

"Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

**But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen."**



**Why did Paul so carefully prove  
the resurrection of Jesus?**




Paul makes it clear in **1 Corinthians 15:11** that they **did believe it: "so we preach and so you believed."**

The Corinthian Christians denied our resurrection.

They were influenced either by Greek philosophy or by the thinking of the Sadducees.

They believed we lived forever, but not in resurrected bodies.




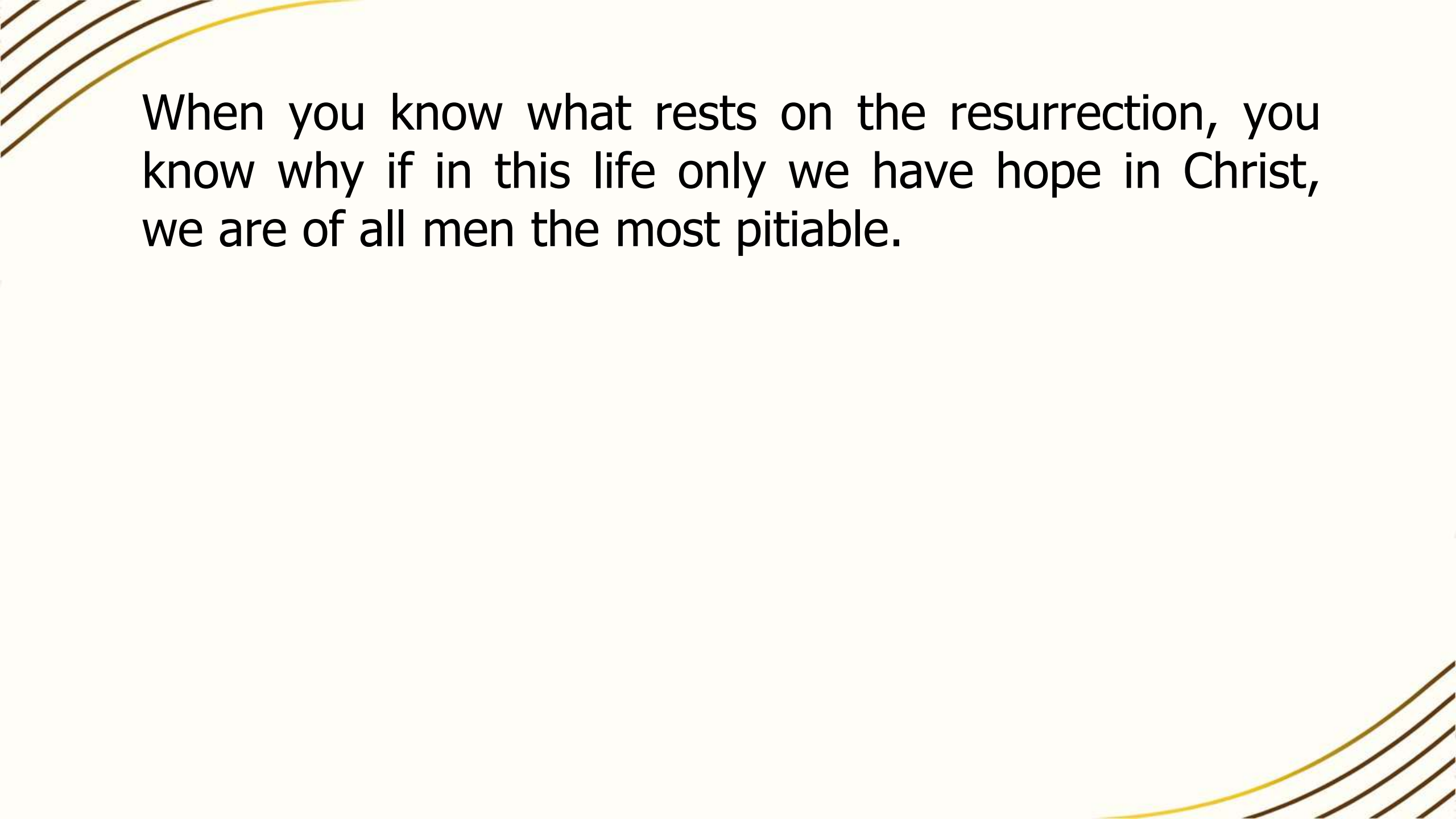


Resurrection is not merely life after death. It is the continuation of life after death in glorified bodies.

Paul shows how the resurrection of Jesus, not only proves His own resurrection, but it proves the principle of resurrection.

**"If Christ is not risen, then in this life only we have hope in Christ, and we are of all men the most pitiable." (v14)**



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When you know what rests on the resurrection, you know why if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.



**What rests on the resurrection?**

## **I. The divinity of Jesus.**

**Romans 1:4** "Who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,"

## **II. The sovereignty of Jesus.**

**Romans 14:9** "For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living."

### **III. Our justification.**

**Romans 4:25** "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification."


### **IV. Our regeneration rests.**

**1 Peter 1:3** "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"



## V. Our ultimate resurrection.

**Romans 8:11** "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you."



## **2. The Resurrection of Jesus Was the Firstfruit of Our Resurrection. (v 22- 23)**

"But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming."

## It means:

- **JESUS** himself was the firstfruits of our resurrection.


The resurrection of Jesus REPRESENTS our resurrection, because if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection (**Romans 6:5**).

The resurrection of Jesus also **ANTICIPATES** our resurrection, because we will be raised with a body like His.

**Trapp:** "As in the firstfruits offered to God, the Jews were assured of God's blessing on the whole harvest; so by the resurrection of Christ, our resurrection is insured."

The Feast of Firstfruits was observed on the day after the Sabbath following Passover (**Leviticus 23:9-14**).





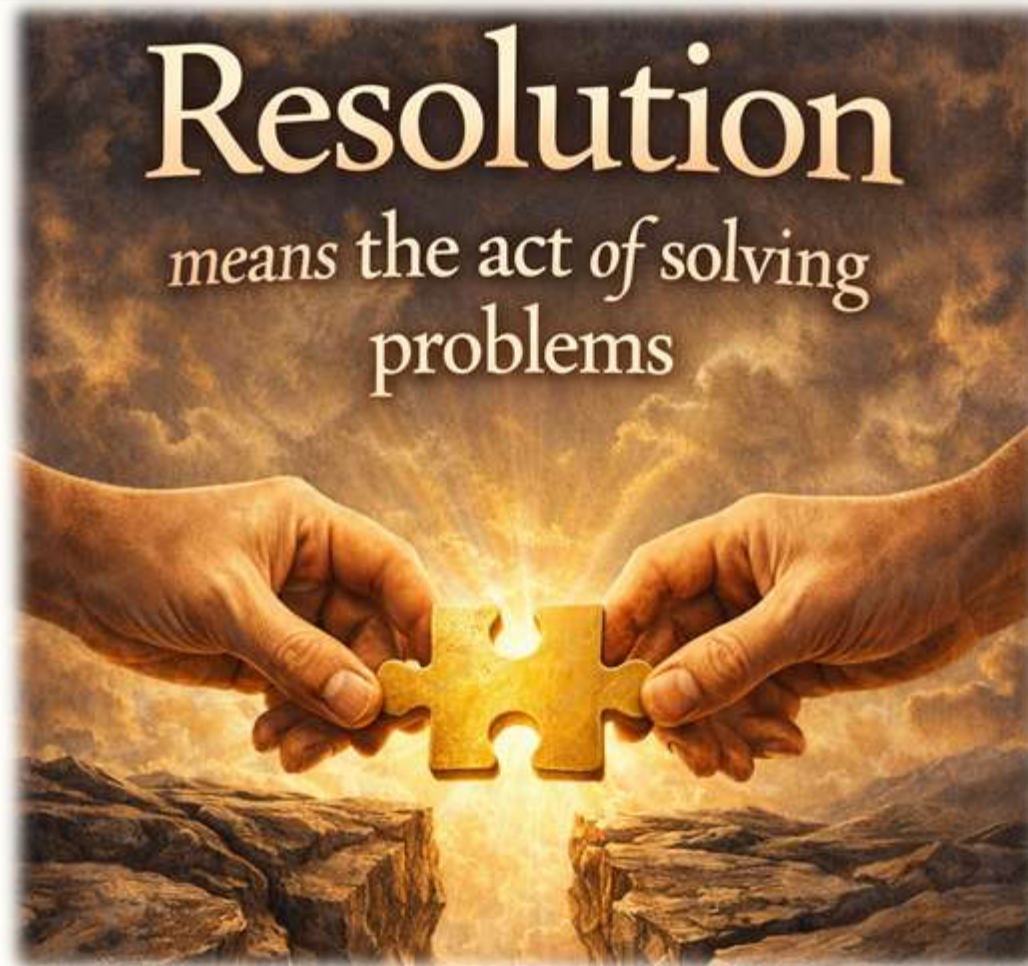
Significantly, Jesus rose from the dead on the exact day of the Feast of Firstfruits, the day after the Sabbath following the Passover.

-The **RESURRECTION OF JESUS** is also the firstfruits of our resurrection in the sense that He is our **"entrance fee"** to resurrection.

**Jesus paid our admission to the resurrection!**



### **3. The Resurrection of Jesus Leads to The Resolution of All Things.**





**(v. 24-28)**

**"Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.**

**For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.**

**For "He has put all things under His feet."**







**(v. 24-28)**

But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.

Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all."





For now, God has granted a measure of rule and authority and power to men, to Satan, and even to death.

But all that is temporary.

Jesus will take His rightful place as the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords.






**Reminder: death is an enemy.**

Death is a defeated enemy because of the work of Jesus, an enemy that will one day be destroyed, and therefore an enemy we need not fear.

**Death is an enemy but its defeat was shown at the resurrection of Jesus, "when the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many." (Matthew 27:52-53)**



## 4. Knowing the Truth About Our Resurrection Should Affect the Way We Live. (33-34)

"Do not be deceived: **"Evil company corrupts good habits."**

Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame."

**Romans 12:2:** "do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

**For Christians to resist God's process of transformation by the renewing of our minds is to neglect the knowledge of God. To remain willfully ignorant of the truth is sin.**

# **III. THE REASON TO CELEBRATE JESUS' RESURRECTION**




**JESUS' RESURRECTION** brings death to its final ruin.

Death is an awful monster.

But the bible tells us:

"So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: **"Death is swallowed up in victory."**





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Jesus absorbed the sting of our sin.






Satan seemed to be victorious in the Garden of Eden and at the cross of Jesus.

But God turned Satan's apparent victory into defeat when Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

Death is no longer a source of dread or fear.

Christ overcame it, and one day we will also.

Death has been defeated, and we have hope beyond the grave.




Paul reminds us of a fact that can remove our fear of death: **JESUS CHRIST HAS CONQUERED DEATH.** His resurrection conquered death and sin.

## **CONCLUSION:**


Our destiny of resurrection means we should stand fast for the Lord right now.


**"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."  
(v.58)**



Because we know death is defeated and we have an eternal, resurrected destiny with Jesus Christ, we should stand firm and unshakable all the more for Him right now.

Even if your labor is vain to everyone else, and everyone else discounts or doesn't appreciate what you do for the Lord, your labor is not in vain in the Lord.





**"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love..." (Hebrews 6:10).** The Lord will show His remembrance of our work and labor of love at the resurrection.

Lastly, because of Christ's resurrection and ours, we know that serving him is not empty and useless activity.

It is the most rewarding one.



