

1 Cor 15:20-34

20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 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. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. 28 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.

Effects of Denying the Resurrection

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24 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.

Zech 12:3

3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

Sad but true,

- all nations of the earth will gather against Jerusalem.

Regardless of what other nations do:

one day

- Jesus must sit on the throne of David in Jerusalem.

1 Cor 15:24

24 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.

There is coming a day when none of the world leaders of

- today will be ruling

Jesus will be ruling!

In the meantime, the Lord still has a plan for the nation of Israel.

1 Cor 15:25

25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

Who this does not include is you and me if you're a believer:

1 Thess 5:1-10

5 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

Of all the forces in the world,

- the least under man's control is death.
- Men are always trying to figure out how to avoid death.
- people fear death:

144K Witnesses

Death destroyed after millennium

Genesis 2:7 "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

People are living for the here and now,

Man is created by God:

Job 32:8

8 But there is a spirit in man,

And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.

And in Zech 12:1

He burden of the word of the Lord against Israel. Thus says the Lord, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him:

1 Corinthians 2:11

11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

1 Cor 6:20 For you (that we) were bought at a price; therefore (he says) glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

So God put His Spirit within man, but one day the last enemy "DEATH" will be destroyed.

Matthew 10:28, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul."

Jesus mentions both the body and the soul in Matthew.

In Genesis Gen 3:19 God says, dust you are, And to dust you shall return.

Ecclesiastes 12:7

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

Two kinds of death:

- physical
- spiritual.

It is the spiritual sense that Adam and Eve were separated from God in: Gen 2:17
17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Physical death would come later.

- But spiritual death came upon them immediately.

Prov 8:36

36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul;
All those who hate me love death."

Ezek 18:20

20 The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

Rom 6:23

the wages of sin is death!

Fortunately for the believer,

- spiritual death has already been conquered by Jesus.

God gives us a choice:

- we can live once and die twice,
- or we can die once and live twice?

27 For "He has put all things under His feet. (Psa 8:6)" But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.

1 Cor 15:27

27 For the rule and authority over all things has been given to Christ by his Father; except, of course, Christ does not rule over the Father himself, who gave him this power to rule.

TLB

God has put all things under the authority of Jesus.

- But God Himself is not under the authority of Jesus
- since God Himself gave Jesus the authority.

The Greek opens with the word (pánta) "all" meaning "all things." In other words, all things were made by Him.

"Panta" - Jn 1:3

3 All things were made through Him (Jesus), and without Him (Jesus) nothing was made that was made.

Psa 8:3-5

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

4 What is man that You are mindful of him,

And the son of man that You visit him?

5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels,

And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

Psa 8:6

6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;

You have put all things under his (man's) feet,

The difference between this verse in Psalms

- and verse 27 of Corinthians
- is that man failed in God's purpose for him.

Jesus became the bridge that brought man to God and God to man.

So Paul is saying in verse 27 that Christ has absolutely abolished death.

28 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.

Don't mistake this verse into thinking that God is in all,

NO! Paul is saying that everything you need,

- God is everything!

Effects of Denying the Resurrection

29 Otherwise, what will they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all? Why then are they baptized for the dead?

There were many in the Corinthian church

- that didn't believe in a personal resurrection.

Mormon belief: Get baptized and save loved ones that have already died.

Paul never taught that a person can be saved after their death.

Heb 9:27

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

Baptism does not save a person,

- why would someone be saved
- by a vicarious baptism once they're dead.

Now, 2000 years ago people understood that baptism was a sign of salvation.

Not saying you're saved thru baptism, but people understood

- when they surrendered their life to Christ,
- they should be baptized.

VERSE 29

baptized for the dead - this could be that people were getting baptized because of someone who died before them,

But you cannot be saved because of a relative that was a good person.

1 Tim 2:3-5

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

1 Cor 15:30

And why do we stand in jeopardy every hour?

Why would we stand in jeopardy if we don't believe!

Jeopardy means to willingly subject yourself to possible danger and or even death.

Missionary in Indonesia led many to salvation thru his stance in Christ.

31 I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. (imminent threat of death)

2 Cor 11 Dangers Paul faced:

2 Cor 11:23-28

23 Are they ministers of Christ? — I speak as a fool — I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. 24 From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; 26 in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; 27 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness — 28 besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

1 Cor 15:32

32 If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage is it to me? If the dead do not rise, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"

The Greeks lived in an Epicurean culture. Do whatever makes you feel good, whatever makes you happy.

The Romans on the other hand loved to indulge in food.

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