



Prince of Peace Church

1 Corinthians 15:1-58

Week 12

*Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the
comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting
life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Read & Hear: Appoint a reader, or take turns reading a few verses at a time. Do this several times (at least 2 or 3) in order to gain familiarity with the passage.

Mark: This is our time to make observations and ask questions. The type of observations to ask and questions to ask include:

Who is the writer?	Who are the recipients?	What is the main idea?
What are the statements of truth?	What are the commands/expectations upon people?	
What is said about God?	What is said about people?	

Learn: This is our time to humbly submit to the learning that our brothers and sisters have already done. We do this by turning to our Pastors, Study Bibles, Commentaries, and other resources in the church. Together with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we search for the truth in the Scriptures. Spend this time looking through your resources for answers to your questions, and further observations.

Inwardly Digest: This is our time to not just be hearers of the word, but also doers of the word (James 1:22). Spend time discussing with one another the following topics to apply the word to our lives today.

1. In 1 Cor. 15:12-19, Paul fervently argues for the *bodily* resurrection of the dead. For him, it is essential for ultimate salvation. In spite of this, there are some in the church today who hold that the resurrection of the dead is a negotiable element of Christianity. What do you think? Can one deny the resurrection without doing serious damage to the faith?

2. In 1 Cor. 15:26, Paul declares “The last enemy to be destroyed is death.” Death is an *enemy* of God. Ultimately, death works against God’s design, and so he will put it away forever. In spite of this, Christians sometimes comfort the bereaved by labeling the death of their loved one as a “blessing.” In one sense, this is true (no more suffering, pain, etc.). But in another sense, a *curse* is being equated with a *blessing*! How can we modify our comforting language to better align with the good news of the resurrection?

3. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Revelation 21:1-4 and compare with what you have learned in 1 Cor. 15.