

God's Order of Redemption

1 Corinthians 15:20-31: Romans 12:1-2

The Last Enemy Destroyed - ^{1 Corinthians 15:20} But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1. Jesus is the first fruits sacrifice for Old Testament Saints and us!

Sheol Viewed from OT until the Crucifixion

Busom of Abraham		Abyss		Hades
Or Paradise		Or Great Gulf		Or Hell

Sheol Viewed from OT after Resurrection

X		Abyss		Hades
X		Or Great Gulf		Or Hell

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 first fruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

2. Adam and Eve brought death. Jesus died and was the first fruits to be resurrected from the dead. Jesus brought life!

- 2 Corinthians 5:6-11 - ⁶ So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷ For we walk

by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. ⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. ¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

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.**

3. Jesus brings an end to rulers, death, and enemies.

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? ³⁰ And why do we stand in jeopardy every hour? ³¹ I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

4. Jesus was our sacrifice for salvation, we are to be a living sacrifice for Jesus...

Romans 12:1- I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, **which is your reasonable service.** ² And 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.

Are you a living sacrifice to Jesus each day?