

“The Death & Resurrection of Jesus”

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1 Corinthians 15:1-27 (New American Standard)

1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, **2** by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. **3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, **5** and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. **6** After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; **7** then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; **8** and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. **9** For I am the least of the apostles, who am not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. **10** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. **11** Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. **12** 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? **13** But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; **14** and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. **15** Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we witnessed against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. **16** For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; **17** and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. **18** Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. **19** If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. **20** But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. **21** For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive. **23** But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, **24** then comes the end, when He delivers up the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. **25** For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. **26** The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

I. WHY JESUS DIED

A. all have _____

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” *Romans 3:23-24*

B. _____ will be _____

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” *2 Corinthians 5:10*

C. without the _____ of _____ there is no _____

“and according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.” *Hebrews 9:22*

(*Genesis 1:16-17; 2:1-11, 21; 8:20-21; Leviticus 4-5*)

D. Jesus' death was a _____ for _____

“But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.” *Hebrews 10:3-4*

“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” *Hebrews 9:11-14*

II. WHAT HIS RESURRECTION MEANS

A. it is the _____ of our _____

(*1 Corinthians 15:14, 17*)

B. it is the _____ of our _____

(*1 Corinthians 15:20-23*)

C. it marks the final _____ of _____

(*1 Corinthians 15:24-27*)