

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why did Paul go to such lengths to prove the resurrection of Christ? What are the implications of no resurrection?
2. Explain in your own words the change that takes place when a person is born spiritually?
3. How much do you look forward to being changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye?

### SUMMARY:

There had arisen doubts among the Corinthian believers about the resurrection of the Saints and Paul gave this discourse to prove the verity of our hope and faith in Christ. If there is no resurrection we say in effect that Jesus was not raised from the dead and if this is true, then our faith is in vain.

After a change, and a fruitful life we have many assurances that we shall be changed, we shall be victorious and we shall be glorified. Finally we shall be raised to meet Him in the air!

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #3

April 16, 2006

Second Quarter

## THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

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**LESSON TEXT:** *1 Corinthians 15:1-58*

**LESSON SETTING:** The Apostle Paul wrote his sound advice from Philippi to the church at Corinth.

**TIME:** Approximately 59 A.D.

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- I. PROOF OF THE RESURRECTION** 1 Corinthians 15:1-19
  - A. Christ Arises (vs. 4) Matthew 28:1-6; Mark 16:1-6; Luke 24:4-6
  - B. Christ Appears (vs. 5) Matthew 28:9; Mark 16:9; Luke 24:15;
  - C. Many Witnesses (vs. 5-8) Matthew 28:17-20; Mark 16:14; Luke 24:33-36; Acts 1:3
- II. MEANING OF THE RESURRECTION** 1 Corinthians 15:20-50
  - A. Life Through Christ (vs. 21-22) 2 Timothy 1:10; 1 John 5:12
  - B. Death Leads to Life (vs. 36-38) John 12:24; Romans 6:4
  - C. A Change Takes Place (vs. 42-44) 2 Corinthians 5:2; Philippians 3:21
- III. REALITY OF THE RESURRECTION** 1 Corinthians 15:51-58
  - A. Saints SHALL be Glorified (vs. 51-52) Romans 8:17; Colossians 3:4
  - B. Saints MUST be Changed (vs. 53) 2 Corinthians 5:1; 1 Thessalonians 4:17
  - C. Saints SHALL be Victorious (vs. 54) Revelation 21:4
  - D. Victory THROUGH Christ (vs. 57) John 16:33; Revelation 6:2; Revelation 17:14

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *BUT NOW IS CHRIST RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND BECOME THE FIRSTFRUITS OF THEM THAT SLEPT.*

1 Corinthians 15:20

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Jeremiah 32:1-15; 36-44

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Romans 4:1-25; Hebrews 11:1-40

**QUARTERLY THEME:** God's People in Captivity

**TOPIC:** JEREMIAH DEMONSTRATES FAITH

**INTRODUCTION:**

In this very hour in the history of Israel, after God had revealed to Jeremiah the great tragedies that were to overtake them, He now instructed Jeremiah to buy a piece of property. To the average person, this would be preposterous, Why buy property when we will lose it anyway? Jeremiah was different, though, because if God told him to do it, He must have a reason. So Jeremiah obeyed and presented the evidence of his purchase.

Then as he prayed, God could reveal the reason to him. It was to be a test of faith. It was because God's mercy was to be showered upon the Israelites and they would return to their land and to their own property.

God promises many blessings to those that live in faith and trust Him. There may be many trials and tests of our faith. We may go through our individual "captivities", but if we humble ourselves and submit to God, He will strengthen us and bless us beyond our comprehension. How great is your faith? How great is mine?

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Our faith is in an infinitely faithful and omnipotent God.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *BEHOLD, I AM THE LORD, THE GOD OF ALL FLESH: IS THERE ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR ME?*

Jeremiah 32:27

We often become burdened down with severe tests of our faith. Our first reaction may be to question the Lord, "Why do these things happen?" Surely it was in His power to prevent it! But the lesson, sometimes so hard to learn, is that we must become humbled before Him and above all we must have implicit faith that He will lead us out of these dark hours. Those who fail to trust are lifted up in due time and are blessed of God.

We have so many promises similar to our Golden Text. He says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." "The Lord chastises those whom He loves." "I will be with you even unto the end." There are so many more, so why do we tremble and weep and mourn?

O my soul by pain surrounded,  
Firmly trust thy God indeed;  
He would only make thee worthy  
By this fear and dire need.

O let not thy heart be vanquished  
By the Satan's evil might  
Lo, the blessed Savior's pathway  
Also led through darkest night.

Z.H. 334:1,2

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 17 - 23**

M. Noah's Faith. Genesis 6:8-22

T. Abraham's Faith. Genesis 22:1-14

W. The Psalmist's Faith. Psalm 121:1-8

T. \*Jeremiah's Faith. Jeremiah 32:1-44

F. A Leader's Faith. Matthew 8:5-13

S. A Trial of Faith. Mark 7:24-30

S. A City's Faith. Acts 8:1-8