

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How did Paul prove the resurrection of Jesus? How many witnesses were there?
2. How important is the fact of Jesus' resurrection to us? What benefit do we have in this life as a result of it?
3. What will our resurrected bodies be like?

### SUMMARY:

If we are to have hope of eternity we must first believe that Jesus is the Son of God, that He came down upon this earth in the form of man, that He died for the sins of mankind having no sin of His own, and that He rose again to be victorious over death. This faith is so important because it is the cornerstone of our life on this earth and our hope of eternity. The Holy Spirit, who is our guide and our comforter, was not given until Christ had been glorified (resurrected and ascended). (See John 7:39)

If we hope to be raised into eternal life it was necessary for Jesus to be raised first. And because He lives, we shall live also. (John 14:19)

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #2

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Second Quarter

### CHRIST IS RISEN

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**LESSON TEXT:** *1 Corinthians 15:1-23, 35-58*

**LESSON SETTING:** Paul writing to Corinthian Church from Ephesus.

**TIME:** Spring 57 A.D.

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- I. FACT OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
  - A. His Death (vs. 3) John 10:11; 19:20; Romans 5:6;
  - B. His Burial (vs. 4a) Luke 23:52-53; John 19:41-42
  - C. His Resurrection (vs. 4b) Mark 16:6
- II. IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION.** 1 Cor. 15:12-19
  - A. Basis of our Faith. 2 Corinthians 4:13-14; 1 Thessalonians 4:14
  - B. Promise of the Holy Spirit. John 7:39; 16:7
  - C. Promise of Man's Resurrection. 2 Corinthians 4:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:14; 1 Peter 1:3
- III. ORDER OF THE RESURRECTION.** 1 Corinthians 15:20-23
  - A. Christ, the First Fruits (vs. 20, 23) Romans 8:29; Colossians 1:18
  - B. Man raised up by Christ (vs. 23) 2 Corinthians 4:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-16
- IV. METHOD OF THE RESURRECTION.** 1 Corinthians 15:35-58
  - A. Life Out of Death (vs. 36) Mark 8:35; John 12:24
  - B. Raised a Spiritual Body (vs. 44, 49) 2 Corinthians 5:2; Philippians 3:21
  - C. Victory over Death (vs. 53-58) Isaiah 25:8; 2 Timothy 1:10

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *AS IN ADAM ALL DIE, EVEN SO IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE.* 1 Corinthians 15:22

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Genesis 26:12-25; Romans 12:17-21

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Matthew 5:38-48

**QUARTERLY THEME:** The Beginnings

**TOPIC:** ISAAC, THE PEACEMAKER

**INTRODUCTION:**

As we read the account of Isaac and of how he so meekly and peaceably withdrew from the wells in favor of those who opposed him we perhaps would hear some say: "Well, I would never give up that which is rightfully mine." Yet we must look further than just the picture of this unfair incident and see how God looks upon it. It certainly was not condoned by God and we can be sure that vengeance was brought upon the enemies of Isaac. This matter of vengeance must be left to God who is the righteous judge in such matters for He said, ". . . *Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*" (*Romans 12:19b*)

We can be sure too, that, when Isaac withdrew, the joy that the enemy had in tormenting him disappeared. When he withdrew from the second well, they perhaps were disappointed still more and thus did not bother him further. We can see a picture of a mischievous little boy pestering his little sister. When she quietly withdraws he will say, "It isn't any fun any more. Sister won't fight." The real victory always belongs to the one who refuses to fight back and the end result of Isaac's experience should encourage each one of us. Rather than suffer loss, God blessed him and he increased many times over.

God has given His most prized treasure so that man might be at peace with God.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** God honors those who unselfishly work for peace.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD.* Matthew 5:9

It is quite evident that one of God's requirements for a walk with Him is the spirit of peaceableness. This was manifested already in Moses after he had fled Egypt and came under the tutoring of the Lord in the wilderness. This was manifested in the life of Jesus also. Surely when the Word gives us such examples and when it is so specific concerning our attitude toward our enemies we can see the important place this has in our Christian testimony.

In this beatitude which is our golden text, this matter of being peaceable becomes one of the things necessary if we are to be called children of God. Being of a peace loving nature does not mean that peace shall always reign. Paul in writing to the Romans makes it more specific when he writes: "... *as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.*" (*Romans 12:18*) Thus it becomes an individual matter for each one of us. We are not excused by the attitude of others toward us.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 9 - 15**

M. God's Promise to Isaac. Genesis 26:1-5

T. Isaac And Abimelech. Genesis 26:6-11

W. \*Isaac, the Peacemaker. Genesis 26:12-25; Romans 12:17-21

T. Abigail, the Peacemaker. 1 Samuel 25:18-33

F. Amasai the Peacemaker. 1 Chronicles 12:16-19

S. Keeping the Peace. Matthew 5:38-48

S. Peacemakers Commended. Romans 14:13-21