

WELCOME TO ADULT BIBLE STUDY

April 12, 2020

March-May 2020: JESUS THE MESSIAH

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SPECIAL EASTER SESSION

Alive With Christ

1. The **Good News** of Christ's Resurrection
(1 Corinthians 15:1-8)
2. The **Power** of Christ's Resurrection
(1 Corinthians 15:8-11)
3. The **Result** of Christ's Resurrection
(1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

SESSION AT A GLANCE

In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul gave a summarized version of the gospel that highlights the **good news** of Christ's resurrection, the **power** of His resurrection, and the **results** of His resurrection. Through this passage we get the heart of the story of Scripture – Jesus died and rose again to save sinners.

1. THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION (1 Corinthians 15:1-8)

1Cor 15:1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,

1Cor 15:2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain.

1Cor 15:3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

1Cor 15:4 that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

1. THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION (1 Corinthians 15:1-8 cont'd)

1Cor 15:5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

1Cor 15:6 Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

1Cor 15:7 Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

1Cor 15:8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me.

The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt *believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead,* thou shalt be saved.

- *Romans 10:8-9*

AS BELIEVERS, WE VIEW THE GOSPEL (“GOOD NEWS”) OF THE RESURRECTION AS THE ULTIMATE TRIUMPH OF CHRIST AND A VALIDATION OF HIS LIFE AND MESSAGE AS THE DIVINE SON OF GOD. BUT THE SAME LIFE AND MESSAGE WAS VIEWED MUCH DIFFERENTLY BY THE JEWISH RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TIME – AND STILL REMAINS SO TODAY...

If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, "Let us go after other gods," which you have not known, "and let us serve them," you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ***But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death***, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. ***So you shall purge the evil from your midst.***

- Deuteronomy 13:1-3,5

The first and most basic point is the passage in Deuteronomy 13:2-6. In that passage God clearly instructs us that even if a miracle is performed which seems to substantiate the claims of a prophet, we are not to take this as a sign that God wants us to worship another god. God is testing us to see if we truly love Him with all our hearts. *So, even if Jesus were to resurrect himself in front of our eyes, still this cannot serve as a sign that we are to worship him. Since he is not the one who was revealed to the Jewish people at Sinai, then he is "another god", all his claims to the contrary notwithstanding. So the entire claim of the resurrection, even if it could be backed by solid evidence, does not have the strength to prove the veracity of any brand of trinitarian Christianity.*

- Rabbi Yisroel C. Blumenthal

In the story of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), the rich man pleaded for Lazarus to be sent back from the dead to warn his five brothers of the eternal consequences of unbelief. He thought surely that "...if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." But the answer came back to him, "*If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.*"

...knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, *who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*

- 1 Peter 1:18-21

2. THE POWER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

(1 Corinthians 15:8-11)

1Cor 15:8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me.

1Cor 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

1Cor 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, *though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.*

1Cor 15:11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

But He said to me, "*My grace is sufficient for you*, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
- 2 Corinthians 12:9

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—*that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection*, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

- Philippians 3:8-11¹⁴

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the *power of God for salvation* to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

- *Romans 1:16*

3. THE RESULT OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

1Co 15:19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1Co 15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1Co 15:21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

1Co 15:22 *For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

FROM PAGE 64:

ADAM

The first man (Gen. 2:7)

Created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27)

From the earth, a man of dust (1 Cor. 15:47)

His sin brought death to all humanity (Rom. 5:12)

His sin resulted in condemnation for all humanity (Rom. 5:16)

JESUS CHRIST

The God-man (Luke 1:30-33)

The image of God (Col. 1:15)

From heaven, a life-giving spirit (1 Cor. 15:45,47)

His sinless death brought life to all those who believe (Rom. 5:17)

His perfect life resulted in justification for all who believe (Rom. 5:16)

FILL IN THE BLANKS

P. 64 – **Life After Death**: The Bible teaches that when a Christian dies, he or she immediately is with the Lord but awaiting the future resurrection. For those who are not in Christ, life after death results in being separated from Christ in a state of suffering, even though future judgment remains.

**THE QUESTION FOR EACH
OF US TO CONSIDER AND
ASK OTHERS...**

Jesus said to her, "*I am the resurrection and the life.* Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. *Do you believe this?*"
- *John 11:25-26*

NEXT WEEK

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the
love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

– *2 Corinthians 13:14*