

I CORINTHIANS 15:1-22; 50-58

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word 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 in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy 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 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. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that 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 futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Vs. 50-58; I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Today: July 31, 2022

Worship in Reading and Song:

- Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-22
- Cornerstone
- Living Hope
- How Deep the Father's Love
- Corporate reading: Apostles Creed

Teaching of the WORD: The Christian and End Times
1 Corinthians 15:1-22

Worship through Giving

- Be Thou My Vision
- Forever Now a Crown
- Rescuer

Upcoming Events:

THE WORKSHOP: Open to all men who want to learn and grow in what it means to serve the church. This is an ongoing study that will meet the last Sunday morning of every month at 7:30 a.m. Meeting location is at Robb Besosa's woodshop located at 460 Salt Creek Road. The next meeting is August 7, 2022

August 7, We will be Back in our normal location at the Brown County 4H Grounds.

Upcoming Series:

Aug 7, "HURT" Lesson from Job's friends from Job

Aug 14, Hurt – Lesson from Job from Job

Aug 21, Hurt – Lesson from God from Job

Aug 28, Core Values – Intro 1 Peter 5:1-5

Sept 4, Bob Porter Teaching

Sept 11, Core Values Supremacy of Jesus Christ; Col 1:15-20

Sept 18, Core Values – Authority of the Word; 2 Tim 3:14-16

Sept 25, Core values - Redemptive Community; 1 Pet 2;1-12

Aug 17 & 24th **Growing Together** - Now that we are about mid-way through, we will be taking a break from our Normal Growth Group Study and taking two weeks for our Growing Together series. We will be summarizing, learning and answering questions from our current study. This will be held for two Wednesday evenings at 7pm at the 4H building.

Live Streaming: Our previous Zoom link has been canceled. If you cannot attend in person, you can now join us live by clicking the button on our home page at vineandbranch.family.

The Christian and End Times

1 Corinthians 15:1-22

Vine & Branch Community Church

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"Eschatology." Greek: "eschotos" = last. And, "ology" = the study of. Eschatology = study of last things.

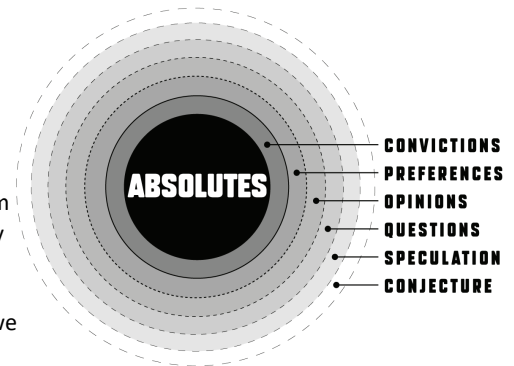
Wrong eschatology in Corinth was the result of the Corinthians exchanging the **CORE** for the **PERIPHERAL**. The Corinthian Christians continually want to put themselves at the center. *"The most difficult thing you will ever have to do is to deny self, take up your cross and follow Him. The most challenging part of your relationship with God is being God-centered."* This was the reality for the Corinthians **and we share this same reality with them**. Therefore, the answer to the eschatology problems that the Corinthians were facing is the same answer for the eschatology questions we are facing as well.

The things of first importance:

- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 God communicates the **Essentials** of the Resurrection
- 1 Corinthians 15:12- 49 God communicates **Logical Reasoning** for the Resurrection
- 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 God communicated the **Application** of the Resurrection

1 Cor 15:1-8: I preached to you - you received - you stand - you are being saved - Apostles affirm

- Absolutes = This is the TRUTH: You received it, you stand in it, and are being saved by it: It is of first importance: OT prophesied, Jesus died for our sins, He was buried, he was raised on the Third day! The Apostles are living proof!
- If our life is not hidden in Christ life, if our death is not swallowed up in his death, if we are not **RESSURECTED** to life in his resurrection life we have no hope of seeing God.



2 Timothy 2:15-17 *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has not need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of Truth. But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene."*

2 Tim 3:7 *"always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth."*

Titus 3:8,9 *"The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to **insist on these things**, so that those who have believed in God may **be careful to devote themselves to good works**. These things are excellent and **profitable for people**. But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for the are **unprofitable and worthless**."*

1 Cor 12-49), Paul presents focus on 5 **Logical reasons** for the resurrection.

1. Denial of the Resurrection tears the heart out of the Gospel message (v.14)
2. Denial of the Resurrection says all the Apostles are liars (v. 15, 16)
3. Denial of the Resurrection limits Christian's salvation to a state of mind and therefore is ultimate futility (v.17)
4. Denial of the Resurrection means all Christians who previously died are still in their sin and no hope (v. 18)
5. Denial of the Resurrection means those who organize their lives around the Gospel of Jesus are completely wasting their time (v. 19)

15:50-58 Essentials of Eschatology and Application:

- Our perishable selves must put on the imperishable life of Christ. (See John 3:3, Col 3:4)
- A world-wide unmistakable trumpet will sound announcing Jesus' return
- At that time, some will be still living and some will have died, but all believers will be given immortal bodies in the resurrection and live before God forever.
- Death and the evil one will be defeated forever
- Jesus makes all this possibly by his life, death, and resurrection!

Summary applications:

1. Focus on Jesus: how he lived, what he did for us, and the clear ways he has called us to live and love others.
2. Learn to rightly handle The Word of Truth – Focus the majority of your time on what you can know for sure and how we live in light of what we know
3. Devote yourselves to spending the majority of your currency on good works and the building up of the church

1 Cor 14:12; 26 *"Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church... "let all things be done for the building up of others"*