

Ohio Bible Fellowship

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Message Two

Jesus Lives and So Shall I

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28 (ESV)

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. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Introduction: Thus far in 1 Corinthians 15, Paul has explained the importance of the resurrection of Christ (15:1-11: it is essential to the gospel) and laid out a strong argument against those who would deny the believer’s hope of resurrection (15:12-19). In this text, Paul explains the goal of Christ’s work in history. He died and rose again in order to reverse the ravages caused by Adam’s sin. One day Christ will bring all creation under subjection and, in the end, will deliver a transformed universe to the Father for His glory.

Today’s take-home truth: Since Christ is risen, we too shall rise to a new, glorious creation.

I. Christ’s resurrection guarantees our resurrection. 20-22

- A. Our assurance: “Jesus lives and so shall I.” 20
- B. Explanation: Christ came to reverse the ravages of Adam’s rebellion. 21-22
 - 1. Just as union with Adam brings death . . .
 - 2. union with Christ brings life.

II. Christ’s resurrection initiated a sovereign plan. 23-24

- A. God has planned resurrection to occur in the right order. 23-24a
- B. God has planned resurrection to occur at the right time. 24b

III. Christ’s resurrection will result in the Father’s unsuppressed glory. 25-28

- A. The risen Christ will conquer all the Father’s enemies. 25
- B. The risen Christ will even destroy death. 26
- C. The risen Christ will give the Father a transformed universe. 27-28a
- D. The risen Christ will achieve ultimate glory for the Father. 28b