

1st Corinthians 15:1-58 -- The Apostle Paul:

1. Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the **gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand. **2.** By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. **3.** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ **died** for our sins according to the scriptures; **4.** And that He was **buried**, and that He **rose** again the third day according to the scriptures:

5. And that He was seen of Cephas (Peter), then of the twelve: **6.** After that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep (have died). **7.** After that, He was seen of James; then of all the apostles. **8.** And last of all He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. **9.** For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet 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 which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. **11.** Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

12. Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? **13.** But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: **14.** And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. **15.** Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ: whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. **16.** For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: **17.** And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. **18.** Then they also which are fallen asleep (have died) in Christ are perished. **19.** If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. **21.** For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. **22.** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. **23.** But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming. **24.** Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God. Even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. **25.** For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet. **26.** The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. **27.** For He hath put all things under His feet. But when He says all things are put under Him, it is manifest that He is excepted, which did put all things under Him. **28.** And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. **29** ...

34. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God:

I speak this to your shame.

35. But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come? **36.** Thou fool, that which thou sows is not quickened (made alive), except it die: **37.** And that which thou sows, thou sows not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: **38.** But God gives it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body. **39 ...**

42. So also is the resurrection of the dead, it is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: **43.** It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: **44.** It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. **45.** And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

46. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. **47.** The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. **48.** As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. **49.** And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51. Behold, I show 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 trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed, **53.** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. **54.** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. **55.** O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? **56.** The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. **57.** But thanks be to God, which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."**