

First Corinthians 15:20-31
Godward Resurrection part 3

The reality of Christ's resurrection—15:20-22

- 1) The anticipation/guarantee—²⁰ *But now Christ has been raised [pf. pass. ind.] from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*
- 2) The consequences
 - a) Two agencies—²¹ *For since through a man (Adam) came death, through a man (Christ) also came the resurrection of the dead.*
 - b) Two spheres—²² *For just as **in Adam** all die, so also **in Christ** all will be made alive.*
 - i) Christians die because of their relationship to Adam; they will be resurrected because of their relationship to Christ.

The necessity of sequence—15:23-24

- 1) The statement—²³ *But each one in his own order:*
- 2) The explanation
 - a) *Christ, the firstfruits;* (i.e. the beginning and representative)
 - b) *then those who are Christ's at His arrival* (and ongoing presence) [parousia]. (cf. John 14:2-3; 1st Thessalonians 4:16)
 - c) ²⁴ *Then comes the end [telos],* (i.e. the completion of the millennial kingdom)
 - i) *when He (Christ) hands over the kingdom to God, even the Father,*
 - ii) *when He (Christ? the Father?) has rendered inoperative* (i.e. dethroned) *all rule and all authority and power.*

The necessity of subjection—15:25-28 (how the end relates to resurrection)

- 1) Necessity—²⁵ *For He (Christ) must reign* (in the future as King) *until He (the Father) has put all enemies under His (Christ's) feet.* (cf. Psalm 110:1)
- 2) Completion—²⁶ *The last enemy to be abolished is death.*
 - a) ²⁷ *For "He (the Father) has subjected **all things** (emphatic) under His (Christ's) feet."* (cf. Psalm 8:6; 110:1; Isaiah 9:6-7; Daniel 7:14)
- 3) Exception—*But when it says, "**all things**" (emphatic) are put in subjection, it is obvious that He (the Father) is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him (Christ).*
- 4) Focus—²⁸ *Now when all things **are subjected** (emphatic) to Him (the Father), then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him (the Father) who subjects all things to Him (Christ),*
 - a) Why? *so that God (the Father) may be all in all.* (i.e. have unchallenged supremacy)
 - i) See McCune, 1:153-154

The reality of danger—15:29-31

- 1) Corinthian practice—²⁹ *Otherwise* (if vv. 20-28 are not true), *what will those do what are immersed on behalf of the dead? If* (1st class condition, assumed true for sake of argument) *the dead are not raised, why then are they immersed on behalf of the dead?*
- 2) Paul's reality—³⁰ *And why are **we** (emphatic) exposed to danger every hour?* ³¹ *I die daily. I affirm this by the boasting in you^{pl} that I have in Christ Jesus our Lord.*