

# The Gospel of the Resurrected Christ

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 15:1-10, 51-58

Last week we considered the perspective given when we consciously remember the resurrection of Christ (II Timothy 2:8). It is not enough to merely remember the event of the resurrection. This is not just a doctrinal topic to file in our theology books. We must actively remember the resurrected Christ Himself! He is alive and involved in our personal lives and in our world.

On the cross, Christ satisfied the righteous demands of the Father, paying the price of our sins. He rose from the dead to show that the Father was satisfied – to show that His grace was greater than our sins.

Now Christ is alive and managing the work of the Gospel and the growth of His Kingdom. He is actively interceding for His people and leading them to spiritual maturity and service.

Christ also is going to come for His people and reward them. He is also going to return to earth to establish His world-wide kingdom, for all to see. He will judge the whole earth and all of humanity and then present His Kingdom to the Father – that God may be all in all. There will be new heavens and a new earth wherein dwells righteousness.

See Matthew 28:18-20; John 10:7-18; 27-30; Acts 2:22-36; Romans 3:24-26; 4:25; 8:31-34; I Peter 1:3; Hebrews 4:14-16; 10:10-14; 13:20-21; Revelation 22:12; Mark 13:32-37; II Peter 3:10-14; I Corinthians 15:12-28 cp. II Timothy 2:1-19.

## **The Essential Gospel – I Corinthians 15:1-2**

By the Gospel we stand and are saved. See Romans 1:14-17; 5:1-11.

## **The Essence of the Gospel – I Corinthians 15:3-4**

Christ's sacrificial death, His burial, and resurrection from the grave are all pre-documented in the Old Testament Scriptures. See Luke 24:44-48.

## **The Evidence of the Gospel – I Corinthians 15:5-8**

There are hundreds of eye-witnesses of the resurrected Christ. See Acts 1:1-3.

## **The Empowering Grace of the Gospel – I Corinthians 15:9-10**

The Gospel changes people, not only turning them into believers, but into servants of Christ. See I Timothy 1:12-16; Romans 6:17-18

**The Expectation of the Gospel – I Corinthians 15:51-53**

As Christ rose from the dead, we too shall be given new eternal bodies that will never die.  
See Philippians 3:20-21; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I John 3:2.

**The Effect of the Gospel I Corinthians 15:54-57**

Christ has given us victory over sin and death! Immortality is ours!  
See II Timothy 1:7-10; Romans 8:31-39.

**The Enduring Value of the Gospel – I Corinthians 15:58**

All other causes, for which people sacrifice and strive, shall fade away into oblivion. The work of the Gospel is of eternal worth and will bring forth heavenly reward.  
See II Timothy 1:11-12; 4:1-8; I Corinthians 9:23-25; Romans 8:15-18; Matthew 6:19-21.