

## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-58

### 1 Corinthians 15: 1

Now let me remind you, dear brothers and sisters of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then and still do now, for your faith is built on this wonderful message. NLT

I have eagerly wanted to explain this message of the resurrection and the life to the body of Christ. Since you are now living in the last days of this dispensation, this knowledge is essential and relevant for this time and this day.

In order to understand this revelation, you should pray for the message to sink deep into the recesses of your heart and mind. This message given to the apostle Paul was given to the early church for their edification and understanding. However, since the latter house will have more glory than the former house, these things must be presented to the body of Christ, just before the return of your Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God!

No one understands the deep significance of the words recorded there. It must be spiritually discerned. Go forth and do the will of your Father in Heaven, who dispenses rain to the just and the unjust. I have mercy on whom I will have mercy!

Amen and amen

### 1 Corinthians 15:2

And it is this Good News that saves you if you firmly believe it-unless of course you believed something that was never true in the first place. NLT

Stay with me every day of your lives, my little children, and extract all your strength and power emanating from the blessed Holy Spirit. Remember, you are not your own, you are bought with a price! Live your lives with me in mind and do not cater to your flesh! The flesh wars against the Spirit, and the Spirit wars against the flesh. This is a continual battlefield of the mind and heart!

Since there are many voices in the land predicting and prognosticating, you must run to me for the answers to your most perplexing questions. It is good to hear true prophets that are sent by God, and you will know them by their fruits! Go over the fruits of the Spirit again and judge by those standards!

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

You must judge yourselves as well by these fruits. If you are lacking any of these standards, ask and I will show you what you need.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law.

Does the speech or demeanor of the “prophet” contain any of these? Galatians 5:19 NLT Sexual immorality, impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, idolatry, participation in demonic activities, hostility, quarrelling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, divisions, the feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other kinds of sin. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God!

Amen and amen

Prognosticator: Predict future, be indication of something, prophesy, portend, forecast, prefigure.

### *1 Corinthians 15:3*

I passed unto you what was most important, and what was also passed on to me-that Christ died for our sins just as the scriptures said. NLT

When Christ Jesus died on a cruel cross, on Golgotha’s Hill, he focused on the joy that was set before him, the saving of the souls of his creation! He despised the shame and torture because he knew he was paying the price for our sins, and there was no more sacrifices needed ever again. His was the ultimate sacrifice. So how can we escape if we neglect this Supreme Sacrifice? We ought not to rest until we make him the central figure of our entire lives! Nothing in this world is worthy to be compared to him! He bore our griefs and sorrows, but we did not understand the significance of what he endured for us!

All the movies about his life cannot convey his intense suffering and agony, both physical and mental! Our Father in Heaven allowed his suffering to bring many sons and daughters to himself. He cried, “It is finished” and the New Testament of grace came into being! No more could the curse of the law touch the child of God, for he became a curse for us, and he imputes his righteousness to us, upon repentance and acceptance of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God!

No one can have any rest until they find the true rest and peace with Christ our Lord and our God. We are redeemed by the shedding of his blood. He who knew no sin became sin for us that we might have eternal life! We could not keep the law in our carnal state, so it is through Christ that we can have victory from death, hell and the grave!

Hallelujah!

Amen and amen

Redeemed: To make something acceptable, restore reputation, atone for human sin, buy something back, keep a promise, to pay something off.

### *1 Corinthians 15:4 NLT*

He was buried, and he was raised from the dead, on the third day, as the Scriptures said.

There are many things that remain a mystery unto the child of God. The ways of the Lord are past finding out. A Christian thinks he has it all figured out, because he knows and quotes the word of God. That is precisely why the follower of Christ must "Study to show himself approved unto God, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." Yes there are promises in the word of God that are true and faithful. There are also warnings that show the child of God that it is through much tribulation that they must enter the Kingdom of God. Does one contradict the other? Did I not say, "Take up your cross and follow me?"

Remember, the Apostle Peter said to Christ when he announced his coming crucifixion, "But Peter took him aside and corrected him. "Heaven forbid Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!" Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, and not from God's." Matt. 16:22-23 NLT

So you see, little children for whom Christ died, all things prophesied concerning Christ had to be fulfilled. The Word of God is true and faithful, and is like a sword piercing the very heart of the believer.

So your Lord and Master had to die in order to give you eternal life. You are going through much tribulation for the sake of Christ Jesus and the gospel of the Kingdom of God. He who overcomes will inherit all things!

Amen and amen.

### *1 Corinthians 15:5-8 NLT*

He was seen by Peter and then by the twelve Apostles. After that he was seen by more than five hundred of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died by now. Then he was seen by James and later by all the Apostles. Last of all, I saw him too, long after the others, as though I had been born at the wrong time.

These verses in the Bible prove that there were eye witnesses of the resurrection of your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. In him is life and blessings forevermore~

Since you were not personally there to witness the resurrection of your Savior, you believe by faith that he rose from the dead by the Spirit, who quickened his mortal body. That same Spirit is dwelling in you, if you received this good news about Christ! This same Spirit is living in you that raised Christ from the grave! Now you have inherited all that Christ has been given to him by the Father. You are heirs and joint heirs with Christ!

Seeing this is an established fact, what manner of persons ought you to be? You are accepted in the beloved! That means God the father, and Christ the Son has accepted you into his family! He delights in you and sings songs over you! He puts songs in your heart! Hallelujah!

You must not be discouraged or downhearted, for God is working all things together for your good! Even in the death of a dear loved one, you can claim the victory! God is lavishing his love on you daily, and you are highly favored. Go forth with the sure knowledge that I am with you, even unto the end of this present evil world, and on into eternity! Amen and amen.

### *1 Corinthians 15:9 NLT*

For I am the least of all apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, after the way I persecuted the church of God.

Persecution has been prevalent in all ages, since time began. All those who are godly will suffer persecution for the cause of Christ. When you bear persecution with patience, it is credited to your spiritual account. However if you begin to retaliate and become angry with the person, you lose your reward in this particular instance! However, to bear persecution patiently, praying for your enemies, that is acceptable and shows character and endurance. Bless your enemies, be good to those who hate you and pray for those who spitefully use you! Then you can be called a son or a daughter of God!

Be strong in the Lord and the power of his might! Once you were strangers to the purpose and plan of Almighty God, but now you are at home with the Father because of Christ Jesus, who loved us and gave himself for us. You are now a part of the kingdom of God, and so shall you ever be!

Paul, a chosen apostle, did not feel worthy to be used of God, after his background of persecuting the saints of God. However, he did it in ignorance, thinking he was pleasing God. Jesus prophesied this by saying that whoever kills you will think he is doing God a service! (John 16:1-2)

Watch therefore and do not make provision for the flesh, but gird up your loins in the Spirit!

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:10 NLT*

But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than all the other apostles, yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace.

A Christian, when totally yielded to Christ Jesus will produce the desired effect that he wills. There can be no fruit in the work of God, unless there is a willing vessel! Think of it! Can two walk together unless they are agreed? Can a fountain produce both sweet and bitter water at the same time?

It is time for the body of Christ to become totally serious about the work of God. “My Father works, and I work!” and “Work for the night is coming!” admonishes Jesus Christ. What a priceless privilege is given to be able to work alongside the Son of God, who loved so much that he died for all the members of the human race! He said, “Whosoever will may come!”

Paul the apostle, labored more than all of the other apostles combined! What a labor of love that Paul did for the one he formerly persecuted! So we must labor while it is day! Pray for the body of Christ to come together in unity and harmony, for this is the will of God concerning us!

Go forth in the full knowledge that your salvation is nearer now than when you first believed! Be ready to give an answer when questioned about the hope that lies within you! You are ambassadors for the Kingdom of God on this earth. When you step into eternity, you will be shown the fruit of your labors and will rejoice that you stayed the course!

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:11 NLT*

So it makes no difference whether I preach or they preach. The important thing is that you believe what we preached to you.

Now it is high time that the gospel of the Kingdom is preached in all the world. Does it make a difference as to what is preached? There are different ministries that specialize in a certain scripture and they build a whole message on that one scripture. But I say unto you “preach the word in season and out of season”. What does that entail? You are to preach the word when it is not convenient, and circumstances seem to want to squash your ministry!

Pray for daily guidance to fulfill your high calling in Christ Jesus! You are not your own, but are bought with a price! What I tell you in secret, you are to preach upon the housetops! Do not let any spiritual stone be unturned! Each day is a stepping stone, and you can take that to the bank of Heaven!

So it is no longer you, but Christ in you, the hope of glory! Let Christ rule and reign in your hearts and let the blessed Holy Spirit lead you into all truth!

Now for a season, your hearts are saddened by the passing of your beloved Darlene. It is hard for you to comprehend! Do not fret my little ones, for all is coming to fruition!

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:12 NLT*

But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection from the dead?

Yes, in this “modern” world there are those who say, “when you are dead, you are dead!” Some say your hell is here on earth, and some say there is no heaven or hell. Some say there is a heaven, but no hell. Some believe in ideologies that exclude a Creator, and believe that there is no afterlife! Why all these different ideas? The answer will amaze you, it is so simple! They are not looking to their Creator, who wrote them a manual, which is the Makers message and methods in the Bible. If there is no Creator, life is meaningless! But the truth is this: God the Father of all mankind, made you!

Where does that leave the skeptic and the atheist? They are without hope as long as they keep a closed mind and turn their back on the One who could give them hope and faith, and all the good things He as their Father could bestow upon them! They live a narrow life, with a distorted view of eternity and the things that they are missing. They

are a god unto themselves! When the storms of life blow upon them, they have no anchor, but drift aimlessly through life, with leanness in their souls!

What can be said of these my creation that trust in themselves and proclaim themselves as the ultimate authority? The answer is: Christ died for them also, and would have them come to the knowledge of God's great plan for them. This plan could bring them a lively hope that would ultimately give them greatness in the Kingdom of God! Prayer for them is essential and needful. There are some in your own family that need a spiritual awakening.

The redeemed are responsible to pray for their brothers and sisters, and extended families!

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:13 NLT*

For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either.

What power and majesty was introduced into the world when Christ was raised from the dead! What glory and honor to start a new dispensation, the New Testament that was ratified by the life that was superior to all human lives! Christ rose from the grave on the third day, just as was prophesied in all the prophets, beginning with Moses, right down to this present day! What glory was presented to all mankind, through the gift given by God, the resurrection of the dead, Christ himself being the first fruits of them that slept!

Yes, truly, if Christ was not raised from the dead, there would be no hope for mankind! The Christian experience would not have been introduced to the world. There would be no Pentecost, no Holy Spirit, no book of Acts, no epistles of Paul, no apostles going into all the world, and no church of the Living God. All Christianity hinges on the resurrection of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God!

Think of it! No baby born in Bethlehem, no ministry for 3 - 1/2 years by Christ! No hope for mankind, and no afterlife for the child of God! No eternity! No reunion with loved ones that precede us in death! In fact, then there would have been no plan of God, and no Adam and Eve! We would not have been created! The whole plan of God would not have been put into effect!

Rest assured that many sons of God have gone on before us, and many will be born after us!

Glory to God in the Highest, Hallelujah to the Lord! Amen

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:14 NLT*

And if Christ was not raised, then our preaching is useless, and your trust in God is useless.

Since before the beginning of time, Christ was scheduled to die on the cross! In the fullness of time, he arrived on the world scene. It was at the time appointed from the foundation of the world, that he began his ministry. All was scheduled to happen at the precise time in history. The birth of all that have ever been born was scheduled. God planned everything before he ever began, and he knew the end from the beginning. He knew there would be scoffers at his first coming, and scoffers at his second coming. That did not nullify the plans and purposes of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit!

“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever!” There is nothing that escapes his notice; he sees every sparrow that falls to the ground! He is well acquainted with all your coming and going. He knows every thought that you think.

Since this is an established fact, why is the resurrection of the dead brought into question? Is God Sovereign or not? Why would a loving God create you and then discard you by leaving you in the grave, never to live again? How would he acquire the family that he so lovingly and tenderly desires?

Yes truly, you would be most miserable and without hope! But the truth is that the dead shall rise again! God has purposed it to be so. The God of the universe promised that all would hear his voice and come out of their graves!

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:15 NLT*

And we apostles would all be lying about God, for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave, but that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead.

Human logic is faulty at best and faulty at least, for human reasoning is contrary to the wisdom of God. God, in his great love for his creation made a way of salvation through the life, death and resurrection of his precious Son, Jesus Christ, and the mighty sacrifice to end all sacrifices!

However, what a travesty, and outrage to pretend as apostles, that they were eyewitnesses of his resurrected body and their fellowship with him for forty days; that would indeed be the worst deception of all time! All the doctrines and all those redeemed by the blood of the Lamb would be false!

But the truth is that Christ is risen and has become the forerunner of all that accept him in sincerity and truth. God's marvelous plan has been in effect from day one and continues into all eternity!

Seeing that is the case, let every man, woman, boy and girl worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with all their might and know that all is coming to fruition. All that the Holy scriptures have revealed is coming to pass before the eyes of all that are redeemed, but to the sinful soul, his eyes are blinded to the glorious gospel!

Go forth then, with a song in your heart, and a spring in your step! You are the children of the most High God, and your future is secure! Amen and amen

## *1 Corinthians 15:16 NLT*

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised.

What would the lives of all Christians be if Christ had not been raised from the dead? On what could you base eternal life? All the afterlife would not exist, if not for the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who loved you and gave himself for you.

Think of it! There is an incomprehensible plan of God so vast in scope and magnitude that there is no way the human mind could ever wrap itself around all these concepts. They are spiritually discerned. And for that to happen, you must have the Holy Spirit! Think of it again, you must have God's Spirit to discern spiritual things! Without the Spirit of the Living God, all these principles would only seem foolish and ignorant. The world has the opposite approach to everything that is spiritual in nature.

So do not become weary in well doing, for you will reap if you do not faint. All the redeemed of all ages will be your company for all eternity! You will step into that other dimension that is more real than this one! And after the millennium, God the Father will bring the New Jerusalem down to earth to dwell with his children forever and ever! World without end!

Amen and amen

## *1 Corinthians 15:17 NLT*

And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless, and you are still under condemnation for your sins.

So now there is no condemnation to those who belong to Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1 NLT. Since there is no condemnation, it should make every believer feel free as a bird, diving up and down in the sunlit sky!

How pathetic is the man or woman who does not believe in the resurrection to eternal life. His soul is shallow and unfulfilled. He has leanness of heart and mind. That is why Christ wants us all to be ambassadors of the good news! Christ Jesus did not stay in the tomb, but rose by the might and power of the same Holy Spirit living inside of the true believer!

Now is the time to be sober and vigilant, for the archenemy, Old Slewfoot, is on the prowl, seeking whom he may devour! (1 Peter 5:8) Stand firm and put on the whole armor of God! (Ephesians 6:10-18)

You and all believers in the matchless Son of God need to always pray and never faint. For your reward will be great for staying the course! Exercise the fruits of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22) Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Ask your heavenly Father to help you develop these attributes of the Holy Spirit every day! Your reward will be great!

Amen and amen

## *1 Corinthians 15:18 NLT*

In that case, all who have died believing in Christ have perished!

Imagine, if you will all the billions on earth who have died, and consider this: if there is no resurrection, why was man put on the earth? Was it just for a few years of misery and woe, joy and happiness, and then you cease to exist? What would be the divine purpose in that? There would be no reward for doing the right, no purpose for Christ's death on the cross, and no reason to pray to your Heavenly Father! If God did not desire a family to love and care for, there would be no reason to live-In that case there would be no creation to enjoy, for he would not be able to share it with his children!

All this hinges on God's love for us and his mighty plan of salvation. In order to save us, it was not possible that the blood of animal sacrifices could forgive sins; it was only temporary until Christ came on the world scene. He was the sacrifice to end all sacrifices! Since he was perfect, his life surpassed all human lives combined! That is one more reason to praise our glorious God!

Our Heavenly Father has a purpose in everything he does! It is for us as human beings to appreciate his sacrifice, and accept him so that we might live, even beyond the grave, and this veil of tears!

All who have died will awake to a resurrection of life or eternal death. Choose life, so that you and your children can live!

Amen and amen

## *1 Corinthians 15:19 NLT*

And if we have hope in Christ only in this life, we are the most miserable people in the world.

To what do Christians pin their entire hope? What is uppermost in the mind of a child of God? Is it a daily walk, putting on the whole armor of God? When a child of God gets up in the morning, what is his immediate thought? Is it on the cares of his life? Is he mulling over some strategy in his mind to solve a problem? Does he go to the Lord in prayer concerning it? Or does he get more and more anxious until his mind is whipped up in frenzy, and then comes crying to the Lord to deliver him? Why not come to the Lord first and ask him for his strategy? Yet this is repeated time after time in the body of Christ!

Realize this: if Satan can get you when you first wake up, he can work on your mind all day! It is up to the child of God to put on his spiritual armor, the first thing on the day's agenda. My people believe this in theory, but fail to practice it on a consistent basis! It is hit and miss! Ask the Lord to make you consistent!

Now comes the challenge to all my little ones! If you only had hope in Christ in this life and there is no after life, you would be most miserable! Some in the body of Christ act as if this is the case. They do not have the zeal of the Spirit in their everyday lives and so negate the power of God to survive all barriers! Put your hope in the resurrection and the life, and ask God to rekindle the fire in your soul! Amen and amen

## *1 Corinthians 15:20 NLT*

But the fact is that Christ has been raised from the dead. He has become the first of a great harvest of those who will be raised to life again.

Resurrection! What a glorious word, filled with an awesome, wonderful and overwhelming meaning for the child of God! It is hard for him to see beyond this vale of tears! Nevertheless, his Maker provided a way for him to live forever! First comes the natural life, and then comes the spirit life. The natural life is temporary, the spirit life is eternal! Christ is the first born of many, many, brethren!

Now as in the natural, there are many facets of my children's lives that they must endure. Just as Christ suffered, so must they also suffer. For if they suffer with him, they will reign with him!

Now, for a time, there are manifold trials confronting my children. They are perplexed as to what it all means. Did I not say, "Take up your cross and follow me?" If you endure the cross, you will receive a crown! When you come into the literal kingdom in all its splendor, you will rejoice forevermore!

So lift up the tired hands and make a straight path for your feet. Do not let your knees buckle. Your reward is eternal in the heavens! Your treasure is there, and it is not made by human hands!

Amen and amen

## *1 Corinthians 15:21 NLT*

So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, Adam, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man, Christ.

It is good to expound on the scriptures, and to understand what the Lord is saying to this and all generations!

Expound: explain, expand on, talk about, give further details about, develop, illustrate.

It is good to have a keen understanding on what is being said concerning the resurrection of the dead. In order to do this, all scripture on the subject must be put together in order to have a proper viewpoint. So then, it is not of him who runs or wills but what is being said by the Holy Spirit!

Strive daily to get a proper interpretation of what the Lord is teaching on the resurrection. All who die must be in the resurrection of the just, or the resurrection of the unjust. There are only two categories!

As death came because of Adam's sin, so also does life come through Jesus Christ! The first Adam brought sin into the world; the last Adam came with righteousness and healing for a lost and dying world! It is only through acceptance of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ that man can be rescued from this sinsick world! Amen and amen

## *1 Corinthians 15:22 NLT*

Everyone dies because all of us are related to Adam, the first man. But all who are related to Christ, the other man, will be given new life.

Consider this, if you will, that just as death came through the sin of Adam, so also we are passed from death unto life through Jesus Christ's sacrifice!  
But we must, as an individual with free choice, accept Christ and his death on Calvary to atone for your sins, and the sins of all mankind.

Upon acceptance of Christ, you will gain newness of life! It is not because you did something to deserve this, but "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have eternal life!" John 3:16  
KJV

God had a rescue plan for mankind, so that he did not leave man defenseless, but provided a way to be redeemed, or "bought back."

This is such a grand and glorious plan but so simple that a child can understand it. However, the enemy of man's soul blinds him and only through Jesus Christ and his shed blood, can this veil be removed from their blinded eyes!

Only believe, as your father Abraham believed, and it was accounted to him as righteousness! We are his children when we believe! What a marvelous plan that will save us from eternal destruction! Give God the glory forever and ever, world without end,

Amen and amen

## *1 Corinthians 15:23 NLT*

But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised first; then when Christ comes back, all his people will be raised.

There is that which makes the heart of man glad, there is a river, flowing from the throne of God. Refresh yourselves in the water of life, and bathe in these spiritual waters of life, and healing!

Healing is for my people. However, healing is not limited to the physical, but also to the spiritual. If I bring someone home to be with me, the spiritual healing is completed, and it is the final word to my child! Most cannot understand this, but nevertheless, I remain supreme!

So do not question me regarding those who have gone on before! Know that my purpose always stands! Did I not answer many prayers for your family? Was I faithful even when my children were not? Yes, I could not deny my purpose from the foundation of the world! So lift up the feeble arms and let me strengthen you for what lies ahead! This resurrection chapter is of great significance, more than you and all my children can conceive!

Keep your spiritual armor intact and watch and pray, for the enemy is on the prowl. Do not give place to him, but overcome him by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of your testimony. The verse above is self explanatory. First the resurrection of Christ, which is past, and your resurrection, which is future!

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:24*

After that the end will come, when he will turn the kingdom over to God the Father, having put down all enemies of every kind. NLT

The future is bright for the child of God. Though now he must go through various trials and tests, he knows that all things work, together for good to them that love the Lord, and are called according to his purpose!  
(Romans 8:28) Someday all will be done that was prophesied by all the holy prophets of the Lord Jesus Christ, and God the Father! It will no longer be a dream, but will be a true reality!

See that you pass the tests that are set before you. You are not your own, but you are bought with a price! That price was paid by your Lord and Master, for the joy that was set before him! He endured the pain and shame and degradation for you! He became of no reputation, and endured persecution, from the very people that he created! What a wonderful Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God that takes away the sins from the repentant sinner, and gives them life everlasting. So pray for your fellowman, that the light of his glorious salvation will shine on them.

When the Kingdom of God is turned over to the Father, there will be a celebration that will last for all eternity! The New Jerusalem will come down from the heavens and God our Father will live with us forever! No more tears, no more pain, no more sin, for all the former things will pass away, only righteousness will prevail!

Hallelujah, what a marvelous plan that we are a part of! World without end,

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:25*

For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet.  
NLT

What is the outcome of those enemies that must be put under Christ's feet?  
There are many enemies of the cause of Christ, but this one thing is certain; all the enemies of Christ will be put down, especially Satan the Devil, and all his cohorts. Demons will be crushed under his feet. Those converts to the Devil will also be crushed. Satan has many followers because iniquity abounds in every nation on the face of the earth!

However, Christ is worthy to do this, for he conquered death, hell and the grave. It is he that will have the preeminence when he comes back and sets up his earthly kingdom. It

is good to talk of these things, for the average Christian does not understand biblical prophecy. Many are the preachers of prophecy, but be careful to prove all that is said by the word. Don't believe any "private interpretation" of man!

What a glorious day that will be, when Christ comes to rule and reign on the earth. This earth that has had every evil imaginable! Many sigh and cry over man's inhumanity to man. These men and women have left the regions of sanity and are doing insane works of the flesh, including murder, sorcery, black magic, and such things! You must abhor the sin, but not the sinner!

Yes, we look forward to the literal Kingdom to be set up on this earth!  
Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:26*

And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. NLT

Death! What a frightful word it is! Death! The enemy of mankind. Death! The cessation of mortal life! Death came into the world when sin entered!

Death entered the world through the guilty pair, Adam and Eve! It is the result of disobedience. Yes, from Adam until now, all mortals have had to lay down their lives, and enter into this dimension!

What then is the hope of man, Adam's sons and daughters, and the creation of God the Father? "He that believes on me shall never die!", so states our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. There is a physical death to all, but the child of God has the hope that the spiritual man can never die!

Many are witnesses to this fact, in having "near death" experiences. But if you think this to be a hoax, read the experience of the Apostle Paul in

### *2 Corinthians 12:1-5*

This boasting is all so foolish, but let me go on.

Let me tell about the visions and revelations I received from the Lord. I was caught up into the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether my body was there or just my spirit, I don't know; only God knows. But I do know that I was caught up into paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be told. That experience is something worth boasting about, but I am not going to do it.

Why did Paul reveal this in scripture? It is comparable to those having near death experiences in our day. Isn't this a confirmation?

Amen and amen

## *1 Corinthians 15:27 NLT*

For the scriptures say, "God has given him authority over all things." (Of course when it says "authority over all things," it does not include God himself, who gave Christ his authority.)

All things are given to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He so richly deserves to be over all things. After all, it was he who sacrificed all things, and came down from heaven, to become of no reputation! He, who was with God the Father, and the blessed Holy Spirit in eternity past! He volunteered to die so that we might live! He lived on earth as a human being and the Messiah in his first coming. He was in this position for 33 \_ years, at which time he became sin and died on the cross so that we might live eternally!

He has chosen us to rule and reign with him in his Kingdom. Do you realize this is worth everything? No amount of money this world has can buy this priceless privilege! And it is given to us FREELY as a gift, if we surrender our lives to him!

So now at this present time, Christ is grooming us daily. We now walk as ambassadors of the Kingdom of God. When Christ comes back the second time, we will literally reign as Kings and Priests under Christ over all the earth! We are joint heirs with Christ!

How we should be on fire for our heritage! How we should burn within our souls for the earnest manifestation of the Sons of God! How we should pray, "Thy kingdom come!" How we should conduct ourselves to live as Christ lived and every day look eagerly for our Lord and Savior to return to this earth!

Amen and amen

## *1 Corinthians 15: 28 NLT*

Then, when he has conquered all things, the Son will present himself to God, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere.

We are now in a time dispensation, that will eventually fade and there will be a proclamation from God's realm, "Time will be no more!" Eternity will resume its progression into infinity.

Infinity: Something without limits, limitless time, space, or distance, something too great to count, i.e.: an infinity of stars, time without end.

There will come a time in the future, when all that are saved will go into eternity, space will be introduced to all humanity. There will no longer be a time for this and a time for that Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11.

When we enter into the joy of the Lord, there will be pleasures forevermore! No more parting with loved ones, no more sickness or pain or death, for the former things will pass away! Revelation 21:1-5

So we see from all of this, that the plan of God includes the future of the child of God that is so grand and glorious, we have a hard time grasping it mentally. When we step into the future, death will be swallowed up in victory! 1 Corinthians 15:54:

When this happens-when our perishable earthly bodies have been transformed into heavenly bodies that will never die-then at last the Scriptures will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? 1 Corinthians 15:54-55

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:29 NLT*

If the dead will not be raised what point is there in people being baptized for those who are dead? Why do it unless the dead will someday rise again?

The baptism for the dead was not practiced by the early church. It was a practice that was considered pagan. Paul used this to make a point: even the heathen believed in a resurrection, else they would not have an individual stand in proxy in baptism for one who was deceased!

So you see, little children for whom Christ died, it is necessary to believe in the resurrection of the dead and is one of the beliefs of the true Christian faith. As Paul so aptly put it: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men, most miserable!" (1 Corinthians 15:19)The whole Christian faith is based on the resurrection of Christ, who became the "first fruits" or originator of the resurrection of the dead.

But the follower of Christ will be resurrected, because Christ also said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die..." (John 11:25-26) KJV What a marvelous plan God has, to rescue us and put us in right standing with him!

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:30 NLT*

And why should we ourselves be continually risking our lives, facing death hour by hour?

Why indeed? In this world there is much tribulation. Why is this so for the child of God? When you commit your lives to Christ, there is immediate opposition from the Evil One. You have crossed over from death unto life. There is an immediate switch, and all the demons in hell know that you are marked! This may not become known right away, for the child of God is rejoicing, along with the angels in heaven, for that which was lost is found!

Now all things are becoming new in your spirit man. Suddenly you begin to have love for that which you once despised. What has changed is that the Holy Spirit has begun a house cleaning, and he is on a time schedule. You are not aware of this changing of your life, for you are just reveling in your forgiveness. There is, on your chest, a target, that is visible to the eye of Satan and his demons. Now you have become an enemy and even your family becomes hostile at times, toward you. They think it strange that you

read the Bible, and how drastically your life has changed! But, take heart, for you are under the protection of Almighty God because you now dwell in the secret place of the most high God! (Psalm 91:1)

You have embarked on the adventure of a lifetime, and your name is written in the book of Life!

Amen and amen.

### *1 Corinthians 15:31 NLT*

For I swear, dear brothers and sisters, I face death daily. This is as certain as my pride in what the Lord Jesus Christ has done in you.

The daily cares of this life, come crowding in on the child of the Living God. Daily responsibilities can lead to a shirking of spiritual endeavors.

However the apostle Paul had heavy duties that faced him every day, from the time he met Christ on the Damascus Road. His life did an abrupt about face, and he never looked back to returning to his former lifestyle.

It is incumbent on true believers that they keep their spiritual ties to the heavenly realms, and to set their affections on things above, to store treasures in heaven.

How does one store treasure in heaven? First of all, they must put the Kingdom of God and his righteousness first in their lives. To do this takes total surrender to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When this takes place, the child of God must let the Holy Spirit be their guide for that days agenda. If they follow the Spirit, they will not be making provision for the fleshly pursuits. The Spirit will help the child of God to do everything in moderation. If one thing is out of focus, it throws everything else off balance!

To face death daily is the way Paul lived his Christian life, and that is a pattern for all believers to follow.

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:32 NLT*

And what value was there in fighting wild beasts-those men of Ephesus-if there be no resurrection from the dead? If there be no resurrection, "Let's feast and get drunk, for tomorrow we die!" Isaiah 22:13 NLT

There is much to be said in the life of a Christian. That is why the child of God must not give heed to a man's interpretation of the Word of God. For the scriptures cannot be broken. Man's reasoning is faulty and erroneous.

It leads to division and strife, thus the many different churches in the world, all of whom call themselves Christian! You shall know them by their fruits.

The Word of God is sharper than any two edged sword and pierces the heart of man to the uttermost! Nothing is hidden from the Lord your God and many are led astray by

teachers giving false doctrine to gain a following for themselves. Since there were false apostles in Paul's day, how many more abound in today's society?

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then on what do you base your salvation, for it is all contingent on Christ's resurrection in three days as he predicted! Now there is no excuse for the child of God to be complacent. He must conduct his life accordingly.

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:33 NLT*

Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for bad company corrupts good character.

\*Character is being formed in the child of God with each passing day. God has a way of recognizing each victory, no matter how small it may be. This progress is noted each day, much as a teacher watches over her students in order to make a progress report to the parents each grading period. It is in this way that a student is encouraged or prompted to improve.

Take heart and know that your heavenly Father is cheering you on, and is your most faithful and loyal friend. What a friend we have in Jesus, God the Father and the Blessed Holy Spirit! With the Almighty by your side, you have nothing to fear!

It is good to stay away from former companions that have a sinful way of life. However they cannot see the changes in you if you do not witness to them. Follow the lead of the Spirit to accomplish this. You do not have to be a partaker in their way of life, but you are to be a light to them.

Now we are engaged in conflict as never before! We have come to this juncture in life for a reason and all is orchestrated by God the Father in heaven, Christ being at his right hand. The Holy Spirit is on the job all the time to lead you into all truth. "Thy Word is truth!" John 17:17 KJV

Amen and amen

\*Character:

Distinctive qualities: the set of qualities that make somebody or something distinctive, especially somebody's qualities of mind and feeling.

Positive qualities: qualities that make somebody interesting or attractive.

Reputation: somebody's public reputation.

Nature, temperament, personality, spirit, moral fiber, charm, integrity.

### *1 Corinthians 15:34 NLT*

Come to your senses and stop sinning. For to your shame I say that some of you do not even know God.

Sin is rampant in the church of God today! Legalists control freaks, false doctrines, lovers of themselves, unthankful and unholy, blasphemers, irreverent, slanderers, backbiters, haters of those who practice right living, and on and on it goes.

Why such an unholy circumstance and why in the church? It is because the tares of Satan have been sown among the true "wheat!" In the parable of the wheat and tares, the wheat are the true Christians, and the tares or weeds, are the unholy members, placed there by Satan, trying to defeat the plan of God!  
Matthew 13:24-30.

Try though Satan might, the gates of hell cannot prevail against the Mighty Church of the Living God! Satan's plans will come to nothing and he will be chained, to end his deception for 1000 years. After that he is loosed a little season, he will be banished forever!

Seeing you have such a grand and glorious future, redeem the time, for the days are evil! Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good!

Amen and amen.

### *1 Corinthians 15:35-36 NLT*

But someone may ask, "How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have? What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first.

There are two kinds of deaths, physical death, and spiritual death. All must participate in physical death, due to the original sin by Adam and Eve. This is death that is inevitable! Even at the return of Christ. The body dies in an instant and will be changed in a twinkling of an eye! Those who are Christ's at his coming will be the only ones that will enjoy this kind of instantaneous transformation!

The resurrection can be illustrated by the butterfly. The first stage is the egg, compared to a human embryo, an egg fertilized by the sperm. Then comes the larva in which the egg is hatched, compared to human physical existence. Then comes the cocoon stage when a human being is encapsulated in the grave. Last of all the larva emerges from the cocoon, a beautiful butterfly, typified by the Christian in his everlasting body!

This analogy is an illustration found in God's creation, and many other similarities can be made. Another such illustration is the tree. It blossoms in the springtime and brings forth leaves and flowers. Then comes the fall when leaves dry up, and beautiful colors are transforming the tree. As its leaves fall, it goes into, a dormant stage. Winter and cold make the tree look lifeless and dead. Then comes the springtime, and the sap rises and the tree is resurrected from its seeming deadness. Leaves and blossoms grow, and all is beautiful once more!

So you see, my little ones for whom Christ died, you were once dead in trespasses and sins, but now you are alive unto Christ, your names are in the Book of Life!

Amen and amen

## *1 Corinthians 15:37-38-NLT*

And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a dry little seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. Then God gives it a new body-just the kind he wants it to have. A different kind of plant grows from each kind of seed.

Oh what a wonder is the Lord our God and his marvelous creation! His wisdom made the world and all that is in it! Were we born by our parents wisdom and understanding? Were we wise as we came from the womb? Did we make ourselves? No, a creation means there is a Creator behind the thing that was made! A watch requires a watchmaker, and a car requires a car maker! A human being requires a Maker, which is the one who runs the entire universe by his own power. All things were made by him, and without him, we would not exist! John 1:1-5

What then is the proof for the atheist? He has blind faith in nothing. He searches in vain to find a purpose without a Creator! He might as well deny his own existence!

The seed that is put into the ground is a mystery to man. He sees the results of his labor, but cannot duplicate the seed; he only perpetuates what God put in motion at Creation!

The Apostle Paul seeks to help us understand that the resurrection is likened to a seed put into the ground that must die before it can truly live! The Holy Spirit, uses the things God put in his physical creation to help us to understand a spiritual application. We are all spiritual seeds, and must die in order to live forever!

Amen and amen

## *1 Corinthians 15:39 NLT*

And just as there are different kinds of seeds and plants, so also, there are different kinds of flesh-whether of humans, animals, birds or fish.

All flesh is not the same as evidenced by this verse in 1 Corinthians 15:39. God, who made the heavens and the earth, has a specific reason for all the flesh that he created. Notice the love and care in which he created the first two sons of God. He lovingly formed Adam out of the dust of the ground and breathed into mankind through Adam, physical life. He also made a woman for him to love and provide for! Then he planted a beautiful garden for them, "with all sorts of trees, beautiful trees that produced delicious fruit. At the center of the garden he placed the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." Genesis 2:9.

All know the story, they were being tested as to whether they would obey or disobey. They failed the test, and banishment was set in motion. Banishment from the presence of the Lord, their Creator! How hard their lives were then!

However, much is to be said about the Creation of God the Father through Christ and the Holy Spirit. The future of man was detoured because of the first man, Adam, and the second Adam came to correct the failures of the first Adam. Now all flesh was being redeemed to make a path for mankind to live forever, which is what Adam would have had if he only had obeyed!

How all mankind had to suffer, in order to have the original plan carried out through the second “Adam!”

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:40 NLT*

There are bodies in the heavens, and there are bodies on earth. The glory of the heavenly bodies is different from the beauty of the earthly bodies.

There is much to be revealed concerning the child of God, and what the future holds after the physical death of their earthly bodies. God made your bodies to be temporary, and is the clay model of the real glorious model. For your physical body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, dwelling within, and leading and guiding every day. So you see, God made a temporary existence to prepare you for the eternal existence. It is much like the dress rehearsal of a play. It is practice for the real thing. The players should correct any flaw before the real production takes place.

In the same way, the Holy Spirit convicts you of things in your character that must be corrected. This is for your profit. Mistakes will occur, but it is good if you will correct them as they are brought to you on a daily basis.

Your earthly body is a temporary one, and all go through the metamorphosis. This is necessary to gain eternal life. Don't be afraid of the task set before you, but hold to the Savior's unchanging hand and let him bring you to your destiny.

Your heavenly body will be glorious indeed! It will be an “extreme makeover” that will be for all eternity!

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:41 NLT*

The sun has one kind of glory, while the moon and stars each have another kind. And even the stars differ from each other in their beauty and brightness.

The Lord your God is in his holy temple let all the earth give him praise and glory! He made the world and everything in it. We are his people and the work of his hands. Nothing escapes his notice! We are ever in his careful watch.

Seeing this is so, what manner of people should we be? We must give our all, because Christ gave us his all!

The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows his handiwork! He is declaring in this passage of scripture, how even the heavens have individuality, as he created them. The sun is one kind of glory! The moon is another kind of glory! And even the stars have different degrees of light! What a mighty God we serve!

God gives each of us our own personality and we differ in brightness from one another! Those that are in darkness have yet to shine in the future, as potential sons of God. Your prayers and sacrificial giving will bring many to the Lord their God!

The plan of God is so magnificent and awesome, that we will rejoice in it for all eternity with our eternal bodies. We will rejoice through all ages and we will never die!

Amen and amen.

### *1 Corinthians 15:42 NLT*

It is the same way for the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies which die and decay, will be different when they are resurrected, for they will never die.

Now there is hope for all men and women, boys and girls, who will submit their lives and will to the Father in heaven, through his Son, Jesus Christ. The hope lies within you in the form of the Holy Spirit, which Christ said we would receive from on high. That Spirit will teach you all things and will tell you of future events in the form of prophecy, and dreams, and visions.

Seeing we have the power in us that raised Christ Jesus from the dead, we should be in awe of the Spirit of the living God, and be always mindful of the miracle within us. We have the same Spirit in us that raised Jesus from the dead!

And so it is that the same Spirit will raise and quicken our mortal bodies. Oh hallelujah, Praise His holy name!

Every day should be a celebration of God's miraculous deeds to the children of men. There should be no long faces, but only happiness for the miracle and hope that lies within us! Strive to remember this through sunshine and shadow! Our God reigns forever and ever, world without end!

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:43 NLT*

Our bodies now disappoint us, but when they are raised, they will be full of glory. They are weak now, but when they are raised, they will be full of power.

Our new bodies will be full of power! Think of it! More powerful than a rocket that lifts off and goes into outer space! We will have the eternal power within us that emanates from the throne of the Living God! The question is, "Why would God want to give that to mortal man?" As the psalmist so aptly put it, "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" (Psalm 8:4) Why would God, who owns everything, want to share it with his creation? It is because God is love, and he wants to share his love and his vast creation with us! Would you want to build a city and prepare beautiful scenery and buildings, and houses, and then not have any inhabitants? You would want to share it so they could enjoy what you had made!

What love is this that God wants us in his family? He ordained this before he ever brought this planet into existence! Who knows how long he contemplated this? It is a perfect plan, and he considered all the ramifications of this plan and thought of every conceivable scenario! He had a plan for man to live forever upon acceptance of his way

of life. It was signed and sealed by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit!

It gives them great pleasure to see us yielding our lives to the Father, Son and blessed Holy Spirit! And it should give us great pleasure as well to submit our lives to God.

Our weak bodies will disappear on that day in the near future. We will be changed and given our new bodies that will last for all eternity!

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:44 NLT*

There are natural human bodies now, but when they are raised, they will be spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, so also there are spiritual bodies.

We are in the natural now and as 1 John 3:2 says, "Yes dear friends, we are already God's children, and we can't even imagine what we will be like when Christ returns. But we do know that when he comes we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is." What a grand and glorious, magnificent future lies ahead for the child of God! We cannot grasp the magnitude of this, for our human minds are limited!

But we must live for him who died for us in order to give us this rich splendor, majesty and radiance. What we shall be is yet to come. Paul talks of this in 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18.NLT

"And now, brothers and sisters, I want you to know what will happen to the Christians who have died so you will not be full of sorrow like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus comes, God will bring back with Jesus all the Christians who have died. I can tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not rise to meet him ahead of those who are in their graves. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the call of God. First, all the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and remain with him forever. So comfort and encourage each other with these words."

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:45-46 NLT*

The Scriptures tell us, "The first man Adam became a living person." But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit. What came first was the natural body, and then the spiritual body comes later.

First comes the clay model, and then comes the permanent fixture. There is a time for each of these stages. When the potter picks up a piece of clay, it is worked with using a wheel and water to make it more malleable. If the clay is not just the right texture, it is formed into a lump and it is put on the wheel again. My people come to me to be converted, and they want me to lead them in this new way of life. However, when storms

come. The clay may become dry and rigid. Back into a lump it must go, to start over again.

And so it is that mankind has to undergo many changes in order to become permanently established, in this case, for the ultimate position, a place in the Kingdom of God. Although it is extremely painful at times, yet, it will be worth all the toil and suffering in that Great Day, when Christ returns to receive his Bride. He will sit on the throne of his father David. This is the physical man, Jesus. But the Spiritual man, Christ will reign forever and ever! World without end, amen, amen.

So we should savor every day spent as a physical human being, earnestly awaiting our change, as Job eagerly looked forward to that time and place. "But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that he will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God. I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought!" Job 19:25-27 NLT

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:47 NLT*

Adam, the first man, was made from the dust of the earth, while Christ, the second man, came from heaven.

First came the natural man, Adam, then came the second Adam, the Spiritual man from heaven. And we might further deduct that the second Adam, formed the first Adam out of the dust of the ground. Christ knew as he formed the first man, that it was a forgone conclusion that without his help for mankind, they would surely fail. Man was made with a need..... that need was that he was totally dependant on God to be righteous! He could therefore, do nothing of a spiritual nature on his own.

The first Adam could not obey the command to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for he followed his own reasoning. Both Adam and Eve fell for the lie, even though Adam was not directly deceived as Eve was, he became an accessory to the crime against his own Maker! They were the first criminals! We talk about a dysfunctional family in our day, but mankind became dysfunctional from the very beginning!

God's plan was to rescue mankind from himself, and his sins. And so it was that Christ had to die for everyone starting with Adam, and down to this very day, and on into the future. His blood covers everyone from the least to the greatest! We were in the execution chamber, and Christ came in and took our place! What kind of love is this, that our Creator was mangled from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet, writhing in absolute and total pain, to be our substitute? And yet many are willing to go the way of Satan, who thoroughly hates every man, woman and child with extreme hatred! Wake up man to loyalty to Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God!

Amen and amen

## *1 Corinthians 15:48 NLT*

Every human being has an earthly body just like Adam's, but our heavenly bodies will be just like Christ's.

There is an earthly body, and there is a heavenly body. Those living on this terrestrial ball, namely, the earth are forced to accept the body given to them. My creation did not have any power over that. But my children have a choice to choose whether they will have a heavenly body. This time period is the dress rehearsal for the show to end all shows-the eternal destiny given to all the saints.

What a marvelous plan that we should be called the sons of God!

1 John 3:2 NLT "Yes dear friends, we are already God's children, and we can't even imagine what we will be like when Christ returns. But we do know that when he comes we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is."

Face to face with Christ Jesus, our Lord! Can anything be more glorious? What a priceless privilege not only to see him as he is, but to live with him for all eternity! Just as we are eager to have this come about, Our Lord and Master is even more eager than we are!

So whatever we are suffering now will pale into insignificance on that great day when Christ comes back to set up his Kingdom over all the earth! Think of it! The saints of all ages will rule and reign with their Savior and turn the earth into a Garden of Eden once again! Hallelujah! To God be all the glory forever and ever, world without end!

Amen and amen.

## *1 Corinthians 15:49 NLT*

Just as we are now like Adam, the man of the earth, so we will someday be like Christ, the man from heaven.

Don't say it is over until it is over! All is going according to plan, and is in your agenda in order to fulfill your destiny! To become like Christ should be the goal of every Christian. No man is an island and all the parts of the body are necessary to complete the mission. So if you are a big toe, be the best big toe that you can be! To go from an Adam to Christ is a journey that all my children undergo.

So plan to follow the course that is given to you, for you are the one that I have chosen. When you fulfill your entire destiny, it is then that you will be called home to be with me and your loved ones.

Feast on the Word and keep my words uppermost in your mind, for it reveals my mind. To have the mind of Christ is a precious thing so continue the upward climb. You are having the image of Christ formed within you.

There are many things that you have credited to your account that you are seemingly unaware. You will rejoice on that day when all this will be revealed.

When we all meet in that world under the government of Christ and the saints of all ages, you will truly rejoice and be glad that you stayed the course!

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:50 NLT*

So what I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These perishable bodies of ours are not able to live forever.

We are now flesh and blood, and we are subject to decay, because we are clay models and not the real body that we shall become. Now we see through a glass darkly. We peer into this glass of eternal life, and even if we have the strongest microscope known to man, it cannot penetrate to the vibrant and colorful picture that is on the other side. We can read about it by what the Lord says, and it is truly a glorious hope, but the truth is:” Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God”

That is how the Father of all planned it. We must be tried as clay models, to see if the necessary character is formed in us. We go through the refiner’s fire, just as the clay is put into the oven to mold it into the final product!

The clay model is put into the fire more than once. This is a painful process! Our Father is not trying to punish us, but to refine us as gold is refined. The purifying process of gold is when it is heated to a certain temperature, all the gold dross floats to the surface, and when the Master looks at it, he sees his reflection. It is then that he knows that we have “Come forth as Gold!”

Our new bodies at the resurrection will not be made of flesh and blood, but we will have a resurrected body to last for all eternity! We shall have pleasures forevermore!

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15:51-52 NLT*

But let me tell you a wonderful secret God has revealed to us. Not all of us will die, but we will all be transformed. It will happen in a moment, in the blinking of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, the Christians who have died will be raised with transformed bodies. And then we who are living will be transformed so that we will never die.

A glorious truth is exposed in these two verses! God’s magnificent plan is to regenerate his children’s lives beyond the grave! That is why he is called the firstborn of many brethren! He tasted death for every one of his Creation, so that they could live forever! Will wonders of God ever cease? No! No, no- a thousand times no! At the resurrection of the just, it is only the true beginning! What a plan of God, to fill us completely with true life! What we are experiencing now is temporary life. We grow weary of trials and temptations, but we press on daily, despising the plan of Satan to bring us down to reduce us to nothing! We must put him under our feet, for we are the righteousness of God!

When the last trumpet is blown and the dead join the living in joyful assembly, we shall see the Master, the one who died so that we could live, and we will rejoice forever and ever, forever, and ever, Hallelujah!, Hallelujah!

Words cannot express, in any language on the face of the earth, the unlimited joy and gladness we will have on that day! The family of God will be together for eternity!

Amen and amen

Regenerate: to become formed again.

### *1 Corinthians 15: 53-55 NLT*

For our perishable earthly bodies must be transformed into heavenly bodies that will never die. When this happens-when our perishable earthly bodies have been transformed into heavenly bodies that will never die-then at last the Scriptures will come true: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? (Isaiah 25:8)

O death, where is your sting?" (Hosea 13:14)

The sting of death is the law. Christ came to die on the cross to save us from our sins. He said "It is finished", and the law was perfectly fulfilled in Christ. He fulfilled all that the law demands, in our place! Can anything be more precious a gift for all mankind? It is humbling indeed that our righteous Savior tasted death for every man and woman, boy and girl!

The first Adam introduced sin into the world; the second Adam which is Christ brought righteousness into the world. Only his sinless sacrifice, which became sin for us, could save us! Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!

The story of man and his history includes a Savior, which is Christ the Messiah, Jehovah, the Alpha and Omega, the Son of God, Seed of Abraham, the Holy One, the Bright and Morning star, the Lily of the Valley, Our Rock, Our High Tower, Our Shield, and Protection, our Elder Brother, our Bridegroom, our King of kings and Lord of lords. He was dead and resurrected and He is alive forevermore! Because he lives, we shall live also.

Hallelujah!

Amen and amen

### *1 Corinthians 15: 56 NLT*

For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power.

Sting:

To inject somebody with toxin,

Feel or cause sharp pain,

Upset somebody,

Hurtful quality.

All people who dwell on the earth have been hurt by physical pain. It is because they are physical that they can feel pain emotionally as well. Pain of heart and mind are prevalent in the human realm every day. Some have relatives or friends that cause pain through conversing or actions.

No one can escape these things, for man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward! However, the sting of death is one that all must face. Because of Adam's sin, all are subject to physical death. The good news is that Christ tasted death for everyone! This does not mean that man is exempt from death physically, but he is exempt from dying spiritually, if he surrenders his will to Almighty God, the Father of all mankind.

Christ suffered emotional pain in the Garden of Gethsemane. He sweated what appeared to resemble great drops of blood! He suffered for the sins of all of us, and the sting that accompanies it, which is death. The law which is holy, just, and good, gives sin its power. Law is a mirror that shows us what sin is! Then Christ suffered a cruel ignominious death to rescue mankind from eternal death. Man has only to accept Christ, and surrender his will to the Father, just as Christ did for his Creation!

Amen and amen

Ignominious: Shameful, despicable, humiliating, dishonorable, disgraceful.

### *1 Corinthians 15:57 NLT*

How we thank God, who gives us victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ our Lord!

It was not possible that man could deliver himself from the grip of sin. The grave and death was overcome by Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and it was for us that he suffered, bled and died, by himself. The Father turned his face while Christ was on the cross at the instant that all sin was laid upon him! He could not look on his beloved Son with all the sins of mankind upon him. He is a holy God, and because of this, he turned for an instant and Christ was alone for the first time in all history, in times past, present and future! He cried out, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? All the fellowship and love was theirs for eternity past, and never was Christ alone except for this brief time in history! Oh the desolation Christ must have felt! There was never a time that they were separated! Think of it, our sins separated the Father from the Son, a thing that was unheard of up until that moment in history! Christ suffered this for us!

Now we are his and he is ours, because of his unfailing love for us! Do we understand how great his sacrifice was? Do we know how he gave his life, who knew no sin? Do we comprehend "And here is how to measure it-the greatest love is shown when people lay down their lives for their friends." (John 15:13) He gave us an example that we should follow in his footsteps!

Christ gives us the victory over sin and death! Hallelujah! Praise his name forever and ever! World without end!

Amen and amen

## *1 Corinthians 15:58 NLT*

And so, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and steady, always enthusiastic about the Lord's work, for you know that nothing that you do for the Lord is ever useless.

As we come to the conclusion of this 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of first Corinthians, it is time to pause and reflect. The things I want you, and all my body to understand is this: there is a resurrection coming in which all my creation will be raised, some to everlasting life, and some to everlasting contempt. (Daniel 12:2)

So it behooves all my followers to walk with the awareness that there is a rectifying future for all the sons of men. In your daily walk, consider the future and all it entails. Pay attention to the Lord your God and do not make provision for the lusts of the flesh. The flesh wars against the spirit, and the Spirit wars against the flesh. In your patience, keep your minds always on the word of God, putting on your armor every day, and not just the days of your choosing!

Be selective in every activity, and measure its true significance. Will that particular activity stand the test of time? Is it character building or character destroying? Make every day count for the Kingdom of God! The ending should be more victorious than the beginning. It is my will that you bear much fruit, and harvest many souls for my honor and glory!

The resurrection is coming, and I am coming to claim my Bride!

Amen and amen.