

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Lannie Key

Opening Prayer: Ralph Burleson

On the Table: Head - David Key  
Servers - Greg Lowery  
Billy Box  
Josh Berryhill

Closing Prayer: Eddy Dickinson

Preparing the Lord's Supper Deborah Box

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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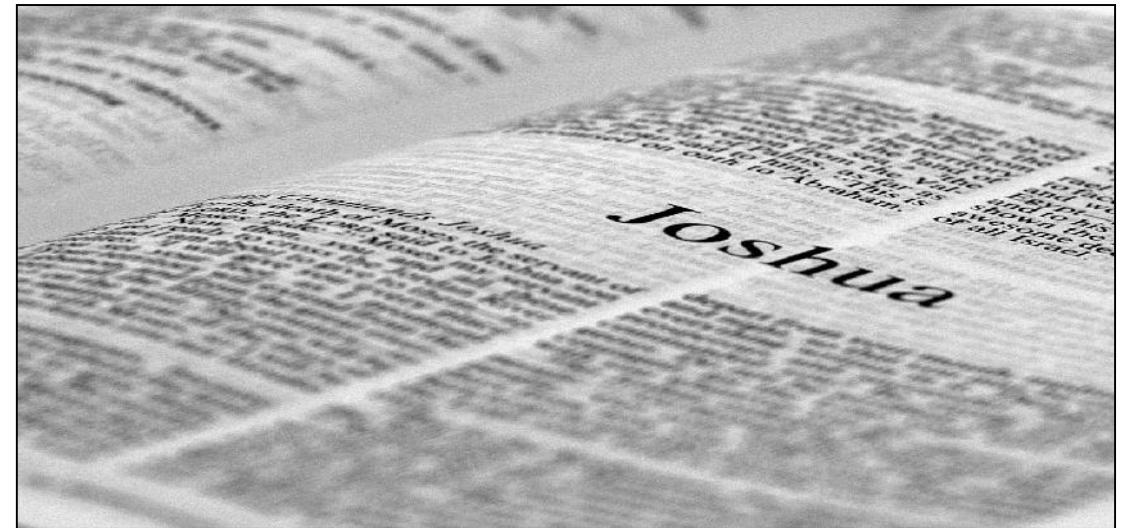
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# Crossing The Jordan



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**The Certainty Of The Resurrection (1 Cor. 15)**

By Winfred Clark

**Introduction:**

Some chapters in our Bible deal with the fundamentals of our faith. As you come to 1 Corinthians 15 you will find that this troubled church needs to come back to some very practical and basic things concerning the doctrine of the resurrection. In verses 1-11 Paul plainly declares the certainty of the resurrection.

Note that he begins with the phrase, “Moreover brethren I declare unto you the gospel”. Contained within this which he declared was the fact of the resurrection’s certainty. This is declared in spite of some who denied such a wonderful truth. Coming from an apostle, this gives ample reason to pause and pay close attention to his affirmations concerning the resurrection.

**I. It Was Preached As A Fact (vs. 1-3)**

Paul says, “what I preached unto you”. In so doing, he identifies himself with the doctrine of the resurrection of Christ. Paul was indeed convinced such was a fact. To him this was a fact:

**A. RECEIVED (v. 3).**

“Which I also received.” Thus, the idea and doctrine of the resurrection does not originate with Paul.

**B. REVEALED (v. 3).**

There is ample information available for those at Corinth. They had revealed facts about the resurrection.

**C. RECORDED.**

This is “according to the Scriptures,” and thus recorded in the Scriptures. So the fact of the resurrection is received, revealed, and recorded.

**II. It Was Prophesied As A Fact**

It is obvious that if the resurrection of Christ is “according to the Scriptures,” this means the Scriptures have mentioned it before. There is an obvious threefold division in the Old Testament. Each division addresses this very fact.

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Faye Cotton: please continue to pray that she continues her fight against cancer and that she will win

Denise Kimbrell: still taking treatments and has been diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis; please be praying that with med’s all of this can be controlled

Kay Dodd: after her recent scans the doctors have given her an all clear, please continue to pray that this cancer will stay in remission

Barbara Wilkinson: is having problem with a hernia, please pray that the doctors will quickly fix this problem

Larry Metcalf: has been diagnosed with lung cancer; please pray that he can receive treatments that will defeat this cancer

Laraine Foss: please be praying that she has good days and good nights and keep Arlen in your prayers also while they are undergoing this very difficult trial

Carolyn Weatherly: is at home recovering from recent stroke, please keep her and Gary in your prayers

Alice Foster: was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and having problems with her lungs, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Chad Henderson: this young man is battling cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that will help him in his fight with this terrible disease

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

Marjorie Goodwin: is still in the hospital but she is improving from the flu, please continue to pray that she will continue to improve.

Jamie Long: his liver is failing him and he is need of a liver transplant, please be keeping him in your prayers

**Upcoming Events**

Today	Fellowship Meal	
Today	Bible Bowl {Tidwell Chapel}	2:00 pm
- We will host Bible Bowl next month – Please help with bringing snacks		
Tonight	Singing and Prayer Night	5:00 pm

**A. The Pentateuch**

Genesis 3:15 plainly implies that the seed of woman would be victorious over Satan’s efforts. Had it not been for the resurrection of Christ, this prophecy would not be the case.

Yes, you can say it is prophesied in the Pentateuch.

**B. The Psalms**

Psalm 2:1-6 - These verses tell us of the conflict faced by our Lord, yet, in spite of this, he would be crowned a king. Such could not and would not be the case if he did not arise from the dead.

Psalm 16:10-11: “For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption”

Peter quotes this in that great sermon that is Christ-centered in Acts 2:24-27. This passage was used in support of the resurrection of Jesus.

Yes, the resurrection is prophesied in the Psalms.

**C. The Prophets**

Isaiah 53:10-12 points to the ultimate victory in spite of the agony described in verses 1-9. How, indeed, could he “divide the spoil with the strong” if he were not raised from the dead.

Yes, the prophets prophesied of the resurrection of Jesus.

**III. It Was Proven As A Fact** (vs. 5-11)

Paul does not leave the doctrine of the resurrection of Jesus to chance or assumption. Paul is willing to give proof. Didn’t he tell those at Thessalonica to prove all things (1 Thess. 5:21)? Didn’t Jesus provide infallible proof of his resurrection during the forty days he spent before His ascension (Acts 1:3)?

Wasn’t Jesus willing to provide proof to His disciples (Luke 24:29)? Did he not encourage Thomas to investigate (John 20:27)? This is exactly the way Paul will approach the certainty of the resurrection of Christ. He sets before the Corinthians certain proofs.

**A. There Is An Eye-Witness Account**

Notice the repetition, “He was seen, He was seen, He was seen, He was seen”. Four times you see that phrase. There is no question in Paul’s mind but that he was seen after His resurrection. But what kind of witnesses do you have?

## 1. They are real.

He names some of these witnesses so that nobody would say “somebody” saw Him. He also numbers some such as the “twelve”. So these are real witnesses.

## 2. They are reliable.

“Cephas, the twelve, James and above five hundred brethren”. These are conscientious men and this surely adds to their credibility.

## 3. They are reachable.

These folks were available and could be questioned if indeed some had questions about them. So they had eye-witnesses who offered proof.

**B. There Is An Enemy’s Account**

Paul was at one time opposed to the idea of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead (Acts 26:9). Paul now admits that he saw the Lord (1 Cor. 15:9). One would be hard pressed to account for the change in Paul’s life if he were not convinced of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. He speaks of His:

## 1. Practice (v. 10).

He now labors for the Christ where he had been opposed to Christ.

## 2. Preaching (v. 11).

Nobody would have to wonder what Paul preached for this has also been declared. Yes, an enemy of the resurrection becomes a part of the proof. So the resurrection of Christ is proven as a certainty.

Conclusion: We are thus able to see the resurrection of Christ preached as a fact, prophesied as a fact, and proven as a fact. Such can thus be known and most surely believed.

*Expositions of the Expositor*, p. 374-376.

**Death**

By Kevin Cauley

At the end of our lives, our spirit shall return unto God and our bodies shall return to the earth (Ecclesiastes 12:7). All men are susceptible to death (Hebrews 9:27). Death is the penalty of sin (Genesis 2:17; Romans 5:12). Death, however, is not the end of the existence of man: the soul of man shall live on (Luke 20:36; Luke 23:43). Death is only to be feared if one is unprepared. (See 2 Corinthians 5:8 and Philippians 1:23).

The death of the physical Body is not what should be feared.

Ecclesiastes 12:7: “Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”

Hebrews 9:27: “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”

Genesis 2:17: “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

Romans 5:12: “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”

Luke 20:36: “Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.”

Luke 23:43: “And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.”

2 Corinthians 5:8: “We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.”

Philippians 1:23: “For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better.”

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