

God's Plan and the Resurrection: Together: A Study of 1 Corinthians

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Key Truth: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ inaugurated an eternal Order.

Since God is a God of orderliness, order is important in the whole of our universe. Just as there is orderliness in creation and even in the human life, we also see order in God's plan for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Christ set in motion a sequence of events that will carry all the world into eternity in which all beings and things will finally be in their rightful place.

DISCUSS

Read **1 Corinthians 15:20-28** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on **"God's Plan and the Resurrection."**

DIG IN

1. Jesus Christ is Raised. (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

With respect to this Sequence, this is the only Past event – Jesus has already been raised, perfectly and completely. In what ways has that singular event affected the lives we lead 2,000 years later?

2. Jesus Christ Returns. (1 Corinthians 15:23a)

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:14-16: Describe the events of Jesus' "coming." How do those events relate to 1 Corinthians 15:23?

3. Believers in Christ are Raised. (1 Corinthians 15:23b)

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:17: In what ways does this describe the resurrection of "those who belong to Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:23b)?

Does this help clarify your current thinking about the resurrection of the saints? Why or why not?

4. Jesus Christ Reigns. (1 Corinthians 15:25)

Read v. 25: Describe the "enemies" that Paul might be referring to in this verse. How might Jesus' reign accomplish that?

5. Jesus Christ Destroys enemies. (1 Corinthians 15:24b-26)

Describe the enemies of God that will one day be destroyed. How are these enemies active in the world today?

6. Jesus Christ Delivers the Kingdom to God. (1 Corinthians 15:24a)

Why do you think it is important that Jesus deliver "the kingdom to God the Father" (v. 24a), and why might this constitute "the end?"

7. God's Sovereign Plan is Fulfilled. (1 Corinthians 15:27-28)

Read v. 28: What does it mean that God is "all in all" (see Revelation 21: 3-6)?

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In what ways will you put what you've learned into practice this week?