

1 CORINTHIANS | THE RESURRECTION AND GOD'S PLAN

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The Apostle Paul was writing to the Corinthians to correct issues in the church. As we have been studying through chapter 15, the Corinthians needed their theology of the bodily resurrection corrected. Paul presented the Gospel and the evidence of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He then laid out the consequences if Jesus did not rise from the dead: the message and our faith would be useless, witnesses of the resurrection would be liars, we would be stranded in our sin, our hope for our loved ones in Christ would be a waste, and we would be pitied among all men. But then Paul uses that word, BUT. It is a contrast. Jesus has been raised! Since Jesus has rose from the dead what are the wonderful consequences and what does it tell us about God's plan for what's to come?

1. The risen Jesus is the firstfruit of the _____
_____ as Adam was the firstfruit of _____
(15:20-22).
2. God will raise believers in His _____
_____ according to His plan (15:23-26).
3. Jesus has defeated the _____ of death but will
assuredly destroy death _____ and return
_____ in His former glory within the Trinity. (15:27-28).