

Paul's First Letter to
the Corinthians

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

*If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all
people most to be pitied.*

1 Corinthians 15:19

Class Time

- Prayer Requests
- Scripture Reading and Key Verse – 1st Corinthians 15:1-34
- Class Discussion:
- Outline and Lesson

15 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

²⁹ Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? ³⁰ Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹ I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³² What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³ Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴ Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Key Verse

²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

**Discussion
Question #1a**

1. In vv1-11 Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel he preached to them:
 - a) In vv1-2, what were the results of his preaching among them?

**Discussion
Question #1b**

1. In vv1-11 Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel he preached to them:
 - b) In v 3, from what sources did he receive this information? See these verses for answers:
Isaiah 53:3–12; Jonah 1:17; Jonah 2:1;
Matthew 12:40; Luke 24:25–27; John 2:19;
John 2:22; Acts 17:2–3; Romans 1:2–4;
Galatians 1:12

**Discussion
Question #1c**

1. In vv1-11 Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel he preached to them:
 - c) Paul lists several components of his preaching of the gospel in vv 3-8. What are they?

**Discussion
Question #1d**

1. In vv1-11 Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel he preached to them:
 - d) In vv10-11 what is the evidence given that God's grace toward Paul was not in vain?

**Discussion
Question #2**

2. In vv 1-34, what negative consequences are there for denying the resurrection of the dead? What are the positive consequences of the truth of the resurrection?

**Discussion
Question #3**

3. In v 22, who are the “all” who are made alive?

I. The Resurrection of Christ vv1-11

- A. Reminder of the gospel vv1-2
- B. Content of the gospel vv3-8
- C. Grace and the gospel vv 9-11

II. The Resurrection of Believers vv12-19; 29-34

- A. The consequences of denial vv12-19; 29-34
 - 1. The futility of faith vv12-19
 - 2. The emptiness of life vv 29-34

- B. The conquest of death vv20-28
 - 1. The first man vv20-22
 - 2. The firstfruits v23
 - 3. The last enemy vv24-26
 - 4. The final subjection vv27-28