

Midweek Bible Study

Resurrection and the Reign of Christ

1 Cor. 15:20-28

Introduction

Brief review

15:20-28

But now Christ has been raised from the dead! (20)

The First Adam and the Last Adam (21-22)

The Resurrection Taxonomy (23)

I. Then the *telos* (the end) (24)

- A. The *telos* –
- B. When He hands over the kingdom to our God and Father
 - 1. The Kingdom was given to Him by virtue of His death and resurrection and ascension – Matt. 28:19-20; Eph. 1:20-23; Dan. 7:13-14
 - 2. He is mediating that Kingdom from the ascension to the Second Coming.
 - 3. He hands it over to the Father – history is now over.
- C. When He has abolished all rule and all authority and power
Rule, authority, power = demonic powers (Eph. 1:21; 6:12; Col. 1:16; 2:10, 10)

II. For He must Reign (25-27)

- A. This is the Son's mandate, given to Him by the Father (25)
Psa. 110:1
He reigns until the end – this means He is reigning now
- B. The last enemy to be destroyed is death (26)
 - 1. Death is an enemy
 - 2. It will be defeated, once and for all.
- C. All things are subject under His feet (27)
Psa. 8:6 (Heb. 2:5-9).



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III. In order that God might be all in all (28)

- A. Christ as the Last Adam, the Son of David, is in view here, this is not eternal subordination of the Son to the Father

Once Jesus conquers all His enemies and raises His people, His mediatorial reign will be complete, the purposes of God in history will be fulfilled, and the Triune God will be glorified forever – all in all.

A fully restored cosmos... the way things ought to be.

- B. Christ, as the God-Man, will resume His glory with the Father which He had before the world began
John 17:5

Conclusion

