**PASSAGES CLASS#3: REDISCOVERING THE RESURRECTION**

**1 CORINTHIANS 15**

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

**12Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?** 13If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, 14and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain … 17 and you are still in your sins, 18and those who have [fallen asleep] in Christ have perished. 19If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

**22For as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ**. 23But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. … 26The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**35-38 *Some skeptic is sure to ask, “Show me how resurrection works. Give me a diagram; draw me a picture****. What does this ‘resurrection body’ look like?” If you look at this question closely, you realize how absurd it is. There are no diagrams for this kind of thing. We do have a parallel experience in gardening. You plant a “dead” seed; soon there is a flourishing plant. There is no visual likeness between seed and plant. You could never guess what a tomato would look like by looking at a tomato seed. What we plant in the soil and what grows out of it don’t look anything alike. The dead body that we bury in the ground and the resurrection body that comes from it will be dramatically different.*

**42So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 43It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power**. 44It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. 45It is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. … 47The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven… 49Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

**51Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all [fall asleep] but we will all be changed, 52in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.** For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

***“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”
 55“Where, O death, is your victory?
     Where, O death, is your sting?”…***

57Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**SMALL GROUPS**:

**Galatians 5:19-25 (**NRSV)

**19**Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, **20**idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels…. **22By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, **23**gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. **24**And those who belong to Christ[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians%205%3A19-26&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-29170b)] have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25**If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**Matt 5:3-8**  (The Message)

**3**“You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

**4**“You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

**5**“You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.

**6**“You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. He’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat.

**7**“You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourselves cared for.

**8**“You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

**Rom 12:9-16** (NRSV)

**9**Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; **10**love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. **11**Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. **12**Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.**13**Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

**14**Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.**15**Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. **16**Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

**Colossians 3:12-15** (The Message)

**12-14**So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It’s your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

**15-16**Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness.