**CHRIST WAS RAISED ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES**

1 Corinthians 15:1-34

Key Verses 15:3-4

*“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures…”*

1. Read verses 1-4. Of what did Paul remind them (1-2)? What is the essence of the gospel (3-4)? Why did Jesus die on the cross (Jn 1:29; Isa 53:5-6; 1Pe 2:24)? What fundamental problem did Christ’s resurrection solve (Ro 6:23; Heb 9:27)?
2. Read verses 5-11. To whom did the Risen Christ appear (5-8)? How was Peter changed by this (Mk 14:66-72; Ac 4:8-13)? How did Paul become a resurrection witness (8; Ac 9:1-22)? What effect did this grace have upon him (9-10)? How are their changed lives evidence of Christ’s resurrection?
3. Read verses 12-19. What were some Corinthians claiming about the resurrection (12)? If what they claimed was true, what serious consequences did Paul list in regards to: A) devotion to the gospel (13-15a); B) belief about God (15b); C) the sin problem (16-17); D) the longevity of hope (18-19)?
4. Read verses 20-23. What historical fact did Paul emphasize, and what glorious hope does this give those who believe (20)? What does “firstfruits” mean? How does Christ’s resurrection guarantee eternal life to all who believe (21-22)? When will this happen (23)?
5. Read verses 24-28. How will the Risen Christ restore the kingdom to God the Father (24-28)? Who and what is on the list for destruction and in what order?
6. Read verses 29-34. How did Paul express resurrection faith in daily decision-making (29-32)? What does “I face death every day” mean (cf. Lk 9:23)? What is the philosophy and lifestyle of those without resurrection faith (32b-34)?