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The Plans and Order of the Resurrection
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1 Corinthians 1:25 – For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Uncommon Sense – *“God’s Wisdom over man’s pride through a Flawed Church.”*

[CALL TO HEAR]

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 ESV

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.

Pastor – “People of God, this is the Word of God.”

People – “Thanks be to God.”

Pray

Illustration

It is hard to find a true guarantee. The closest we get is a warranty because people cannot guarantee anything for people really have no control over a fallen world. *“You’re gonna like the way you look, I guarantee it.”* – George Zimmer

Introduction

But the only place we can find guarantee is in scripture, for God is the only being that can control the future and all outcomes.

Key scriptural guarantees include:



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- **The Gift of the Holy Spirit:** Ephesians 1:13-14 states the Holy Spirit is the seal and "guarantee" (down payment) of eternal inheritance.
- **Divine Presence and Help:** God promises never to leave or forsake believers, offering help in times of trouble (Hebrews 13:5, Isaiah 41:13).
- **Final Salvation and Security:** Romans 8:1 assures there is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus, and believers are kept by God.
- **Unchanging Character of God:** Hebrews 6:17-18 explains that God's promises are backed by an oath, making it impossible for Him to lie.
- **Final Victory over Trials:** While trouble is guaranteed, believers are assured they are not destroyed but will overcome (2 Corinthians 4:7-18).

God guarantees all these great things, yeah but how do we know these things are really going to happen? We know because as you will see today, God as the giver of the guarantee **gives a portion of the promise first**. That is, He gives something so that you can see He's good for it, and that you should expect more of the same.

MP

Because Christ is our Guarantee we can have Hope for ALL tomorrows.

We will spend the rest of our time this morning detailing and laying out God's plan for how God's guarantee will work all the way up until we receive that which we have been promised.

1. The Guarantee of Future Resurrection.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

"BUT IN FACT," I love where this is going... as we were talking about the Dangers of **Denying the Resurrection** last week, Paul wants to remind the recipients of this letter that indeed the **only existing danger** is for those who are **not Christians!** While there is danger in denying the resurrection, denying the conviction of the spirit, embracing a life of short-term pleasure seeking,



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there is no threat as to whether the resurrection really happened or not. *“But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead:”*

⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Christ appeared to the original 12 first then another 500 witnesses, His brother James, then to the Apostles as they were made that by His commissioning, and then of course Paul. The strength of what Paul is about to say now, is not based in his witness alone but based on other people, that they could send for, if they had a care. But in fact, what Paul is about to tell us is based on the Truth that Jesus did rise. So, what does that mean for the reader then and now?

²⁰But in fact **Christ** has been raised from the dead, the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep.

Jesus raising from the dead has made Him into something called the **“firstfruits”**. Well, to understand this we need to once again go back to Paul’s favorite proof text for anything he does, the OT.

You will find the concept of the firstfruits all through the Torah, and it always speaks in relation to the **first portion** of a crop or a flock, which is offered to God as a thanksgiving. (See A. Sand, “ἀπαρχή,” *EDNT* 1:116 (cf. Exod. 23:19; 25:2, 3; 36:6; Lev. 22:12; Deut. 12:6, 11, 17; 18:4; 26:2, 10; Ezek. 44:30)¹ The term means it’s a **pledge for the remainder**; it is a promise of more to come just like it, it is the first fruit of the harvest that is just beginning. Let me share with you where Moses used it to describe what the Israelites would be receiving upon entering the Holy Land.

Deuteronomy 26:8-11 ESV

¹ *Firstfruits* is a metaphor “derived from the OT where it denotes the first portion of the crop (or flock) which is offered in Thanksgiving to God. As such, the term signifies the pledge of the remainder, and concomitantly, the assurance of a full harvest ... the first installment of that part which includes, as by synecdoche, the whole. Roy E. Ciampa and Brian S. Rosner, [The First Letter to the Corinthians](#), The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI; Cambridge, U.K.: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2010), 761.



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⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the **first of the fruit** of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Moses says rejoice, for what you brought to God as a *thanksgiving offering*, the **firstfruits** of your harvest, you give freely because it is what God has provided, it wasn't your work! BTW that's how you are to view giving to the work of ministry, it should never be begrudgingly but as a recognition that God worked for you to bless you and the offering you give is a sign and testimony that God is always about bringing about a harvest for you, you trust in Him for that, and what you give is a sign of the more to come.

Moses said look what God did, He brought you out of Egypt, He did great miracles for your release, He gave you a land that was fertile before you got to it. Give to Him that **first fruit**, not because He needs it, but because it is a testimony to all people that God is about to give more! Then worship in faith for what God will Provide, and all the good He did for your house tell all the people, the Jew and Gentile alike, so that they will come to know how God has blessed you.

Paul is stating **Jesus' resurrection**, that is the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep/dead. It is the guarantee, not a warranty, not a contractual agreement, not solicitation for your good behavior, it is the **covenantal promise of God that you will get the same!**

Yours and mine resurrection is not a "hope so", Paul says, it is a bonified guarantee, based in blood, established by Grace, and sealed by the divine Spirit; it will happen! You see folks when you are walking in a promise like that, let me ask you, **what have you got to be afraid of?** It's like playing a game and you never have to be afraid of losing because you will never run out of turns, it's like monopoly and you get to put your hands in the bank



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whenever you want! Living for Christ means, even when we mess up, because you will, we can't lose our guarantee of an eternal physical life, for it has nothing to do with us, but everything to do with God!

Are you living life afraid to step out in faith, for His name, taking chances with your feelings, not caring what the world thinks, challenging your fears with the joy of the Lord? You should family, for you have the greatest guarantee that anyone could ever want! **Because Christ is our Guarantee we can have hope for our tomorrow!**

2. The One who Guarantees / The New Adam.

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

"For", that ties this verse into how Jesus' resurrection became the firstfruits, the guarantee for us that a greater harvest is coming.

Ok so I quickly hinted at last week **a doctrine**, when I said there is a danger in denying the **humanity** of Christ, and that was He could not stand as our figure head, taking Adam's place, as our new King. What we are referring to is the teaching of **Covenant Theology (LBCF 1689 – Chp. 7 God's Covenant)** and the use of a **Federal Head**. So, I want to read you a larger section of scripture for these two verses, are explained in a larger passage in Romans, and I think reading that passage pretty much clarifies what Paul is talking about when he says here in v.22, *"as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."*

Romans 5:12-18 ESV

Death in Adam, Life in Christ

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.



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Ok what do you need to know from this? First off, it doesn't matter how good you think you are, you can't blame others, the environment, nor circumstances for your sin; you sin because you inherited **Original Sin** from Adam, "death spread to all men because all sinned (12)". In other words, you can't stop from sinning because you are born a sinner - depravity.

You see Adam, long before Moses, was given something called the **Covenant of Works**:

Genesis 2:15-17 ESV

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to **work it and keep it**. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

The terms were: have dominion, enjoy the garden, enjoy your wife, enjoy your relationship with me, but DO NOT eat of that tree. One negative rule out of all of creation, and it was disobeyed. "**For as by a man came death**" (15:21), then comes the curse of which we all inherit:

Genesis 3 ESV

- ^{17b} cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
- ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.
- ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

We need the hope of the Gospel, or we are doomed!

¹⁵ But the **free gift** is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man **Jesus Christ** abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the **free gift** is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought **justification (Rom 5:1 justified by faith)**. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.



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Jesus is now the New Federal Head for those that have been gifted faith, the *free gracious gift*, that's what Paul calls it, which gives he says **JUSTIFICATION (16). This we call the Covenant of Grace, which initiated at Jesus death for us and in which now all His people live.** God guaranteed through a new agent of His, the new Adam Jesus, that we would be justified by his works not ours.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

Which now explains what Paul means by in 15:22:

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

The Father has provided for us a guarantee, it was our **federal head Jesus**. We look to Him, we see what He has accomplished for us in the resurrection, and we rest in His work that we shall be delivered all that the good Lord intends to give, chiefly our own resurrection! **Because Christ is our Guarantee we can have hope for our tomorrow!** Because He is the new Adam, the only one that can guarantee.

3. When the Guarantee is Fulfilled.

²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ.

Every Christian has some belief formed around the end times, but sadly enough many of those ideas are formed around books written by theologians of only the past 70 years that populated through evangelical America and then those ideas were heightened and made popular by fictional storytellers. So, you may be in here today with an idea of what may happen in the end times, what we call eschatological times, but those ideas were most likely formed by a small number of men and popularized by entertainment trends over the last 30 years. All of that to say perhaps today we can all start building a better understanding of the end times today, but we will start with Paul and this one passage and stick to that.

The question we need to be caught up in and hopeful for is **when is the guarantee fulfilled?** That is when people who like to study eschatology and



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all the different views of it, they like to take their view of what we call the "Millenium" and then they force it on this text to mean something. Ok so what is the Millenium?

Revelation 20:1-3 ESV

20 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. ² And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a **thousand years**, ³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the **thousand years** were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

So, if you were to read Revelation 20 you would find this period of thousand years mentioned a few more times. Each time describing a period of Christ reigning with some saints. This millennium we call it, helps the person trying to understand last times where to put the future resurrection.

Here's the point family, whatever is your view of the end times, Paul never teaches on the Millennial Reign. It doesn't mean that it doesn't happen, but we don't use these passages to prove a point of **when** the Millenium happens, but rather we are to build on the hope of a future resurrection because of a guarantee we received .

(Paul's realized eschatology) Paul, as inspired by the Spirit of God, sees Christ's Incarnation, by which he accomplishes a victory over the Devil and Demons ([Col 2:15](#)), He sees an ascension (**Ephesians 4:8-10** (ascending on high), **Philippians 2:9-11** (exaltation), **Romans 8:34** and **Colossians 3:1** (seated at God's right hand), and **1 Timothy 3:16** ("taken up in glory"), His own victory over death ([1 Cor 15:55-57](#)). These events have broken the Devil's deception over people, and the Spirit uses the cross and resurrection now to draw men unto Him. Now we wait for the guarantee for His second advent, where all the dead are raised, and death, the final adversary, is defeated.

²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.



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Then comes the end. When all is said and done, Jesus after been given the throne and authority to accomplish all things delivers the Kingdom into Gods' hands.

The guarantee is fulfilled and handed in full at Jesus' 2nd coming that's what you need to know. And no matter how you study the end times here's what I know must happen. **All the elect will be brought in not one will be left out!**

Matthew 24:14 ESV

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and **then the end will come.**

Family here's the warning and the encouragement for today, you may be scared of the wars and the rumors of war, but that does not drive your hope and neither should one's world/political news influence, what you believe about the end times. Feelings don't drive your hermeneutics, scripture does, as Jesus said Himself, **He's not coming back until the whole world gets to hear the Gospel!** That means we don't surrender our Nation to evil rulers because our nation still has a lot of work to do in sending out the Gospel!

It is not your call to say it's almost here, the end, run and hide! NO, but it is your duty to mount up the offensive church, for Hell's gates cannot stand against us ([Mat 16:18](#)). Once again Jesus just knocked down the most demonic stronghold in the East where the demonic god of Radical Islam reigned, and He just blew the doors off the hinges so that the Gospel can now get in there! It is time to rally for a charge, not a retreat, for Paul says you have the guarantee, Jesus the firstfruits, what does it matter this earthly life, He has earned us an eternal physical one, go take the enemy's territory!

Because Christ is our Guarantee we can have hope for our tomorrow! The Guarantee will be fulfilled ONLY though, after the Gospel goes to all the world, don't be timid be BOLD for Christ!

4. Last Order of Business for the Guarantee.



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²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Before the return and the receiving what was promised in the firstfruits, Jesus will reign until all enemies are put under His feet.

Romans 8:34 ESV

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—**who is at the right hand of God**, who indeed **is interceding for us**.

Jesus is reigning now, so that through Him He puts all that the Father has given Him under His control. What's more He intercedes for His people. That means as **He reigns**, He has already placed us in a victorious standing with Him, the throne room is open to us to speak to the Father, and the Spirit has been sent to give us power, that is rulership happening now! That is because our **federal head** has had victory over the devil and sin for us, so we get to claim the benefits of His victory through Him for Kingdom life now.

Ephesians 2:6-7 ESV

⁶ and raised us up with him and **seated us with him in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

We are **one with Christ as He reigns** so that in the future Paul says we will receive immeasurable riches, the first of which is a resurrection! Death is the last thing to be conquered because evil still exists, and as from the beginning death was the penalty but it is also the control measure on the evilness of man. If you remember God kicked man out of the garden so that he would not live forever in a fallen state. It is painful, and it is a curse, but it is also what keeps the evil in men check and because man grows old with the reality of death looming in his future man seeks to reproduce, and it is through that action that God brings about His children that He called forth from before time.



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All the world will finally hear the Gospel, and THEN the end will come, with death being the final victory.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-16 ESV

“For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.”

The last order of business for the guarantee is to establish a time in which we will never be plagued by death again. No more worry about it, no more disease, no more cancer, no more limited life span, no more hospices, no more dread, no more aging. Christ must reign until all evil is vanquished, the Gospel has spread throughout the nations, and then Death is the final short-lived battle. **Because Christ is our Guarantee we can have hope for our tomorrow!** *And that last order of business will be quick because all it needs is His presence and the **cry of His command!***

5. When the Giver of the Guarantee is Glorified.

²⁷For “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. ²⁸When 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.

Now Christ has been the guarantee of all this, the resurrection, you can bet the bank on it! But lastly there is this glorious event that will happen in front of everyone. Verse 27 says God put all things in subjection under Jesus ‘except’ the person who put all things under Jesus’ feet, that is the Father. When the Son has that final victory, when all the saints are brought in, when death is conquered, when the fallen are cast into Hell, it says then Jesus will put Himself under the subjection of the Father, **He gives back the throne.** So that God, the Father’s plans, may be shown to be THE PLAN for ALL TIME! Just as Jesus said it was from the beginning! Jesus will never stop ruling for



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the Father, He is the constant ruler on the human throne, but in Jesus' actions we see the Father, His love, His plans, and His glory. Finally, the one who gives the guarantee is finally GLORIFIED!

And He is just not glorified in Christ, but in His children, that have followed the Son, that claim He alone is worthy to be praised. We all glorify Him; He made Jesus the ruler of MANY NATIONS and now those representatives of those nations point to the ONLY God in all the universe and now we are His and He is ours FOREVER!

Because Christ is our Guarantee we can have hope for our tomorrow!

[CALL TO OBEY]

- **Practice Living from Christ's Firstfruits now don't wait until the Resurrection.**

Perhaps confess and repent of the attitude that it doesn't matter how you live, who you influence, because the world is ending tomorrow. Family I call you to believe the Bible. **Matthew 24:14 ESV** - *And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and **then the end will come.*** If you are walking around thinking the country can't change, people can't change, it is perhaps you fight change, which means you have a low view of the power of God. God controls history not man, and the last time I looked we were called to go forward not hide, and that means be politically active, love your neighbors, and please stop talking like it is all getting darker. Of course, it is dark because we are the light, now use it and bring it to bear as you are supposed to.

- **Practice standing in the New Adam and walk in union with Christ.**

That means according to Ephesians 2:6 *"and raised us up with him and **seated us with him in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus,"*. Let me ask you family are you really united with Him? First thing first be baptized in His name, showing you are with Him! Do you live confessing His Lordship every day, do you put into submission your desires, your feelings, do you fight sin for His name's



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sake? Here's the point be Holy for He is holy, and union in Christ will make you want to do this, don't spurn the HS. Come to Jesus above all for Salvation!

- **Practice marching for Christ and advancing the Kingdom while He is actively subduing His enemies.**

Prioritize mission prayers and mission work. What will you do to help all of our youth go to World Changers and are you willing to sacrifice for our people who will go to Ecuador this year?

Prioritize public good under Christ's Lordship. Keep up to date on the defense of the unprotected life in the womb. Call once a month your local state congressional rep and let them know we expect nothing less than the abolition of abortion. Get ready for CAYA this summer and lead the way in your house on how to help that ministry.

MP

Because Christ is our Guarantee we can have Hope for ALL tomorrows.

Charge: Because Christ is our Guarantee, live today with fearless holiness, ordered homes, and gospel ambition. The firstfruits have been gathered—so labor in hope until the harvest is complete. Now let us pray for the strength and power of His presence to go forth in His name.

Prayer

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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Today when you eat of the bread remember the life of Jesus which was lived for us. Jesus in order to give us our guarantee He had to earn the reward first as our federal head. He faced the world just as we did, in the flesh, enduring all temptations and trials just as we did, and He was successful in not sinning in contrast to what we did. His work as our federal head/the second Adam earned us the righteousness we needed to be accepted by God. Praise be to our King, the new Adam, who loved the Father with perfect obedience.

Today when you drink the juice remember the cost of our sin displayed by His blood for the new covenant. Jesus completed the Covenant of Works that started with Adam and gave to us instead the New Covenant of Grace at the end of His life. His blood was given for our sins, and His people have now received his gracious gift of Justification by faith. Because of that gift we too will receive one day what has been guaranteed, our resurrection. Thanks be to our High Priest and King for His eternal perfect love!

[CONFESSION OF FAITH]

* The Congregation will stand

Elder - **"Christians, what do we believe?"** Congregation - recites:

LBCF 1689 Chapter 31, State of Man After Death and Resurrection of the Dead, Paragraph 2 The Last Day

At the last day, saints who are still alive will not sleep, but will be changed. 5 Also, all the dead will be raised up with their own bodies, and not any other body, 6 although these bodies will have different qualities. These bodies will be united again to their souls forever. 7

5. 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52; 1 Thessalonians 4:17

6. Job 19:26-27

7. 1 Corinthians 15:42-43

[OFFERING+LAST SONG] "I Stand Amazed"



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[BENEDICTION]

Go in the name of the Father, who gave us the guarantee for future resurrection life.

Go in the name of the Son, that is the firstfruits of our Hope in our future resurrection life.

Go in the name of and power of the HS, that glorifies God through our living out our resurrection Hope in this world. Now go and do your part in advancing the Kingdom today.



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[FELLOWSHIP CONVERSATIONS]

1. Firstfruits and our hope

Read 1 Corinthians 15:20 and Deuteronomy 26:8-11. What does “firstfruits” mean, and how does Christ’s resurrection guarantee our future bodily resurrection? Where do fear and anxiety about “tomorrow” still rule your heart, and how does this promise correct that?

2. In Adam vs. in Christ (Federal Headship)

Read 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 and Romans 5:12-19. How does Adam’s headship explain the universality of death and sin, and how does Christ’s headship ground justification and life? What practical differences should union with Christ make this week in repentance, assurance, and baptismal identity?

3. The order and the mission

Read 1 Corinthians 15:23-24 and Matthew 24:14. Since the end comes after the gospel reaches the nations, what specific steps can our household or group take in prayer, giving, sending, and going? Identify one concrete action for this week (e.g., regular mission prayer, supporting a missionary, engaging a neighbor, advocacy for the unborn).

4. Christ reigns now; the last enemy is death

Read 1 Corinthians 15:25-26; Ephesians 2:6-7. Where do you see evidence of Christ subduing His enemies in your life, home, and community? What fears or sins still resist His rule, and what would courageous, ordered, holy obedience look like in that area?

5. God all in all

Read 1 Corinthians 15:27-28. How does the final handing over of the kingdom to the Father shape our worship, our humility, and our ambition for holy living now? Close by praising God for the firstfruits and asking for boldness to labor until the harvest is complete.

Family application: Fathers/heads of home, lead a brief daily prayer this week thanking God for the firstfruits and interceding for one unreached people group or local neighbor by name.



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