

**“RAISE THE DEAD”**  
***(2018 Resurrection Day Series)***  
***Studies in 1 Corinthians 15***

**Background:** *1 Corinthians 15* is a crucial chapter on the literal, physical resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ after His death on the cross and three-day burial in the tomb. As we have already learned, if Christ did not actually die and raise from the dead:

- 1) the gospel message we proclaim to people for them to be saved is a lie; the reports of His appearances are apparitions or delusions or untrue legends;
- 2) Christians have no future resurrection to look forward to; when people die they just perish. We are still in our sins and are pathetic because we love, follow, pray to and suffer for a dead crucifixion victim whose body has been lost forever.

**OR**

Christ really did die for us and arose from the dead. And if He is alive in heaven, then He is still in control of the history of the world and coming again as He promised.

**Resurrection Corrects the Past**

*“But now **Christ is risen from the dead** and has become the **first-fruits** of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ all shall be made alive**”.* **15:20-22**

Since Jesus is alive He is the first-fruits

Because of Adam all were made ‘worst-fruits’

All who are in Christ will be the ‘final-fruits’

**Resurrection Confirms the Future**

*“But **each in his own order**, **Christ the first-fruits**, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming. Then comes the end, **when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father**, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For **He must reign till he has put all enemies under His feet**.”* **15:23-25**

**“RAISING THE SAVED”**

- The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ (*John 20*)
- Resurrection of Jesus’ first coming believers (*Matthew 27:51-53*)
- ‘The rapture of the Church Age believers (*1 Thessalonians 4:16-18*)
- The resurrection of the 2 Jewish prophets (mid-tribulation/*Revelation 11:11-12*)
- Believers who died during the 7-Year Tribulation (*Revelation 20:4-5*)
- The Old Testament believers (*Daniel 12, Matthew 8:11*)

## **Raising the Unsaved** ***(Great White Throne)***

*(The resurrection to damnation or 'the second death')*

The assembly of all the unsaved of all the ages  
for final judgment and consignment to the Lake of Fire

*Daniel 12:2*

*John 5:29*

*Revelation 20:11-15*

## **Resurrection Consummates History**

*“The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. For **‘He has put all things under His feet.’** But when He says **‘all things are put under Him’**, it is evident that He Who put **all things under Him** is excepted. Now when **all things are made subject to Him**, then the **Son Himself will also be subject to Him Who put all things under Him**, that God may be all in all.”* **15:26-28**

Christ must be alive to reign over the Millennial Kingdom

*Matthew 19:28*

*Acts 1:6-7*

*Acts 3:20-21*

*Revelation 3:20-21*

*Revelation 20:1-6*

Christ must be alive to have ‘all things’ ‘under’ and ‘subject’ to Him

For Christ to be in temporary position of submission to the Father during the Millennium (as during His incarnation) He must be alive and having intimate fellowship with the Father.

The Millennium concludes with the Great White Throne Judgment where all the lost of all the ages are condemned and death is destroyed...which demands a risen Lord and Savior to execute these final things.