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The Tower Clock at Hiroshima University had been set at 8:15 broken for 3 days when the Atomic Bomb went off at 8:15

Easter - The Gospel, Resurrection & the Coming of Christ in Power & Glory

The doctrine of Christ's resurrection according to the Scriptures is The Gospel

Isaiah 26: 19 Thy dead [men] shall live, [together with] my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew [is as] the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

Daniel 12:2-3 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame [and] everlasting contempt. 3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

John 11: 25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

When darkness falls upon the day of life, when death has come, and when people gather around a grave, then it is that they turn to this immortal chapter, where are recorded the blessed and highest hope, the Christian gospel's promise of eternal life. Light from this chapter dispels the darkness surrounding the grave; its message reassures the sorrowful, redefines the meaning of life itself and writes upon the tomb the blessed words, "Asleep in Jesus." It speaks at every Christian's funeral.

Mark 16:15-16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

I Corinthians 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

It is rather tragic that the Corinthians required that someone remind them of the fundamental facts of the Christian gospel, at a time so soon after they had heard it, obeyed it, and were enjoying the blessings of salvation derived from it.

Galatians 1:6-9 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any [man] preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

I Corinthians 15:2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

I Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

I Corinthians 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

What does he mean "according to the scriptures? What scriptures foretold it? There are over 300 Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in Christ.

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

I Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come

What scriptures? Example Psalm 2 the Coronation of the Kings Son:

Psalm 2:6-8 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou [art] my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give [thee] the heathen [for] thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth [for] thy possession

Psalm 22:1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? [why art thou so] far from helping me, [and from] the words of my roaring?

Psalm 22:16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have in closed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

Psalm 22:18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

Isaiah 53:8-10 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. 9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither [was any] deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put [him] to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see [his] seed, he shall prolong [his] days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Eyewitnesses attested it. The resurrected Christ, seen by the, women, 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus, Peter, the Apostles, over 500 eye witnesses, James, Paul

I Corinthians 15:5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

I Corinthians 15:6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

I Corinthians 15:7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

Paul's Apostleship

I Corinthians 15:8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

I Corinthians 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

I Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace [which was bestowed] upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

I Corinthians 15:11 Therefore whether [it were] I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

All the Apostles preached & believed the same things,

O Lord if only we could say and do the same thing today we could conquer the world as Jesus said cf:

John 17:20-21 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father,

[art] in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

There is a Judaizing false teacher at Corinth

I Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

Paul takes a negative argument

It would deny all possibility of salvation from sin.

It would mean that sufferings and privations of the apostles who were eye witnesses of the resurrection were vain and useless.

I Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead,[and] become the first fruits of them that slept.

" ... But now is Christ risen from the dead ..."

Paul could not wait until the conclusion of his argument, but dogmatically declared the truth of the resurrection.

"... first fruits of them that slept ..."

First fruits are the proof of a coming great harvest,

The following is an illustration of the reasonableness of the doctrine of the resurrection introduced parenthetically in V:20-28 as Paul often does in his writings.

Christ the second Adam, as death came to all through one person (Adam), it is fitting that the resurrection should come through one

I Corinthians 15:21 For since by man [came] death, by man [came] also the resurrection of the dead.

I Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

There is order in the resurrection and now the order of the resurrection is given

I Corinthians 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming

At the end of time, Christ will deliver up the Kingdom, the people of Christ or the Church of Christ, to God,

I Corinthians 15:24 Then [cometh] the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power

Christ reigns as a King now

Christ rules over all things

awake to righteousness,

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Paul now states the obvious question of the false teacher in Corinth "how are the dead raised?"

Paul will answer by similitude. First It is like grain that is planted.

Then he answers the same question by application

It is like different kinds of flesh

I Corinthians 15:40 [*There are*] also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial [*is*] one, and the [*glory*] of the terrestrial [*is*] another.

It is like different kinds of celestial bodies

I Corinthians 15:41 [*There is*] one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for [*one*] star differeth from [*another*] star in glory.

Greater and different degrees of splendor in the Resurrection,

I Corinthians 15:42 So also [is] the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

It is described as Incorruptible

It is described as glorious and powerful.

It is described as spiritual.

Christ the second Adam, God redeemed us justly and fairly

Now Paul moves to the end of time and the 2nd Coming of Christ

World on Fire

Clash of civilizations

World has gone mad

People are acting out of emotions and not in their own interest

Sunni Muslims believe and long for Armageddon. Iran nuclear deal POTUS Obama

Shite Muslims believe and long for Armageddon. Saudi Arabia - Pakistan

Prophesying of the coming destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD Jesus said:

Luke 21:20-23 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. 21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter there into. 22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

Luke 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Burton Coffman the greatest Bible mind in my generation said Coffman's Commentaries on Luke 21:24:

"Furthermore, the times of the Jews did not mean their "full conversion," and neither will the times of the Gentiles be their "full conversion," but just the opposite. The times of the Gentiles means the period when Gentiles are being saved; and there is a powerful inference in this text that, just as Israel finally rebelled completely against the Lord, so will the Gentiles, bringing on the time of the End.

A VERY STARTLING FACT

Today, after over nineteen centuries of Gentile dominion over Jerusalem, during which the Romans, the Saracens, the Franks, the Mamelukes, the Turks, and the British have, in turn, held authority over Jerusalem, (the city is today controlled by secular Israel.) If the interpretations which we have advocated above, the same interpretations that have been in vogue among Christian commentators for centuries - if those interpretations are true, then there is a powerful indication in the current status of Jerusalem that suggests the awesome possibility, if not the certainty, that "the times of the Gentiles" have about expired. The current status of true faith in Christ in our troubled world is weak and precarious. Multiplied billions of the Gentile nations have either not heard the gospel at all, or have totally repudiated Christianity, as has Russia. The truth that men cannot foresee the future, and the fact of uncertainty in all such interpretations as those undertaken here, preclude any dogmatism; but the six-day war that lifted the Gentile yoke from Jerusalem in 1967 is in some manner related to this prophecy. The practical applications of his words which Jesus at once propounded should now concern people more than ever, lest "that day" come upon them unawares."

Luke 21:25-28 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

The Resurrection of the dead will take place on "the last day"

John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Matthew 25:31-36 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

The second coming of Christ in Power and Glory is one event.

How will he separate the sheep from the goats?

I Thessalonians 4: 13-18 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

I Thessalonians 3:17-18 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words

What shall become of those who remain alive at the Second Advent?

The answer is that they shall be changed in an instant, and thus participate in the resurrection just like others.

- I Corinthians 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
- I Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- I Corinthians 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- I Corinthians 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality.
- I Corinthians 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
- I Corinthians 15:55 O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory?
- The culmination of this grand event is the destruction of the whole world.
- II Peter 3: 7-14 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.
- 8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day [*is*] with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
- 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
- 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
- 11 [Seeing] then [that] all these things shall be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness.
- 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?²

- 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.
- 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

I John 3:1-3 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Luke 24:36-43 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace [be] unto you. 37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. 38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? 39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. 40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them [his] hands and [his] feet. 41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? 42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. 43 And he took [if], and did eat before them.

I John 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

I Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death [is] sin; and the strength of sin [is] the law.

I Corinthians 15:57 But thanks [*be*] to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The practical application of the doctrine of the resurrection? It places the Christian in a position of strength, the great victory already having been won.

I Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the work of the Lord,

John 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

All of the Christian's energies should be devoted fully to the service of God, being assured that his labor is not in vain "in the work of the Lord"

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