

ALIVE WITH CHRIST

INTRODUCTION

- READ **1 Corinthians 15:45-49**
- According to the scriptures, Jesus died, was buried, and rose again. Believers in Jesus Christ accept this good news by faith, stand on it in faith, and knowing that we are saved by it.
- The resurrection of Jesus demonstrates God's power to change our lives and is the source of our hope for eternal life. Jesus' resurrection was a sign that authenticated His ministry (**Matthew 16:1-4**).
- Christ's work fulfills God's purpose, implying all scripture points us to the grace of God in Christ (**Romans 1:4**).

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

- **1 Corinthians 15:3-4** is the gospel (good news). Read **Psalms 16:10, Hosea 6:2, and Matthew 12:40**. How are these scriptures related to the gospel?
- Because of God's righteousness, our sin results in the judgement of death (eternal separation from God). But God sent His Son into the world to save us from this judgement.
- Read **Mark 1:15, Romans 10: 9-10, and Ephesians 2: 8-9**. What does each of these scriptures instruct us to do?
- Jesus' sacrifice for us is deeply personal as is His resurrection. The corroboration of many witnesses confirmed the resurrection of Jesus is a fact not just a promise.

1 Corinthians 15: 8-11

- The reality of Christ's resurrection is meant to impact us personally and change us completely. This is demonstrated in Paul's life as described in **1 Corinthians 15: 9-10**. In **Acts 9: 1-20**, Paul saw the redemption he had longed for.
- Paul felt that he was not deserving of being a follower of Jesus. But he recognized that his past sin was covered by the grace of God. Do you have the same feeling and assurance?
- We do not labor in our own ability, but we must allow God to work through by His grace.
- Paul instructs us that when anyone receives and accepts the gospel it is the result of God's grace.

1Corinthians 15:20-22

- Jesus was the first to be resurrected to live and never die. The resurrection of Jesus promises the resurrection of all believers in Jesus Christ.
- Death entered through Adam, eternal life through Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Jesus assures us that we are free from the power of sin which results in death.
- Read **2 Corinthians 5:8 and Luke 23:43**. What promise is found in these scriptures?

Points To Consider

- As a result of the resurrection of Jesus, human lives are changed. How has Christ's resurrection impacted you and changed you?
- When New Testament writers speak of the resurrection of Jesus, they are reflecting on what God did to Jesus not what God did for them.
- We **stand** in the power of the resurrection of Jesus, **live** in the light of the resurrection, and **look** forward to our own resurrection.
- We received the gospel (past), we stand on the gospel (present), and we are saved and being saved by the gospel (future).
- Read **Philippians 3:20-21**. What does this scripture tell us about our resurrection?
- There is no resurrection apart from Christ, no eternal life (**John 11:25**). Jesus is life and that is why death has no power over Him.
- The resurrection of Jesus demonstrates that God accepted Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf; therefore, every believer has a triumphant and glorious victory over death.