

**Today's Message**  
*Jesus Lives and So Shall I*  
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Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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.

Introduction: In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul explained the importance of the resurrection of Christ (15:1-11) and laid out a strong argument against those who would deny the believer's hope of resurrection (15:12-19). In this text, Paul connects the resurrection to the ultimate goal of Christ's work in history. He died and rose again to reverse the ravages caused by Adam's sin as the first step toward transforming everything. In the end, the risen Christ will deliver a transformed universe to the God the Father for His glory.

**I. Christ's resurrection guarantees our resurrection. 20-22**

- A. Our assurance: “Jesus lives and so shall I.” 20
- B. Explanation: Christ came to reverse the ravages of Adam's rebellion. 21-22
  - 1. Just as union with Adam brings death . . .
  - 2. union with Christ brings life.

**II. Christ's resurrection initiated a sovereign plan. 23-24**

- A. God will raise all the dead in the planned order. 23-24a
- B. And He will raise all the dead at the planned time. 24b

**Notes:**

**II. Christ's resurrection will result in the Father's unsuppressed glory. 25-28**

- A. The risen Christ will conquer all the Father's enemies. 25
- B. The risen Christ will even destroy death. 26
- C. The risen Christ will return to the Father a transformed universe. 27-28a
- D. Thus, the risen Christ will achieve ultimate glory for the Father. 28b

**Notes:**

**Today's take-home truth: Because Christ arose, we too shall rise to a new, glorious creation.**

Implications: