

### VERSE 26

**THE LAST ENEMY THAT WILL BE DESTROYED** - Use of the present tense for future action strikes a note of vividness and certainty...though it is still to take place it's as good as having already taken place at time of writing.

**IS DEATH.**

### VERSE 27

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.

### VERSE 28

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.**

## THE DEATH OF OUR LAST ENEMY - DEATH

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1 Corinthians 15:20-28

**INTRODUCTION:** In 1 Cor. 15:1-5 Paul set forth the essence of the Gospel message. It was not only the death of Christ but His bodily resurrection that is an indispensable element of Christian proclamation because it was foretold in the OT Scriptures. In verses 6-11 he establishes the apostolic witness to the historicity of the Gospel. In verse 3 he gave the apostolic interpretation of the Gospel - that Christ died for our sins and this was according to the Scriptures. In verses 12-19 we saw Paul demonstrating that the fact of the resurrection is sustained by logic. In verse 12 he denies the evidence - he assumes that there is no resurrection - he takes his opponent's side of the argument - and with the assumption that there is no resurrection he draws some dire and dreadful logical consequences in verses 13-19. But now in our passage this evening, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, with a note of joyful triumph Paul turns to the positive phase of his argument asserting the certainty of the resurrection of Christ and it's consequences. In these few verses before us Paul will give us a thrilling picture of God's final, complete supremacy where even death itself, our last enemy, will be abolished.

### VERSE 20

**BUT NOW** - Contrast of ugly consequences of vvs 12-19 if Christ had not risen from the dead

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD**, - **Perfect tense** = risen in a point of time in the past with the result that He is risen forever

**AND HAS BECOME THE FIRSTFRUITS** - **Firstfruits** = Grounded in Feast of Firstfruits - Lev. 23:9-14 the harvest will be identical to the firstfruit - Believer's resurrection body will be exactly like that of the resurrected body of Jesus Christ, the Firstfruit - see Philippians 3:21

**OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP**. - Expression used of believers who have died

### VERSE 21

**FOR SINCE BY MAN** (Adam) **CAME** (no verb in original) **DEATH**, = literally - "...through man death"

**BY MAN** (Christ) **ALSO CAME** (no verb in original) **THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD**. = literally - "...through Man resurrection..."

### VERSE 22

**FOR AS IN ADAM ALL DIE**, - every human being = born naturally into Adam except Christ who was virgin born, conceived of the Holy Spirit

**EVEN SO IN CHRIST ALL SHALL BE MADE ALIVE**. - born into Christ through regeneration whereby a person naturally born "in Adam" is now born "in Christ" where the old things "in Adam" have passed away, and all things have become new "in Christ" - see 2 Corinthians 5:17

**VERSE 23**

***BUT EACH ONE IN HIS OWN ORDER: ταγμα*** - TAGMA = that which has been arranged in order, was especially a military term denoting a company. Used metaphorically in 1 Cor. 15:23 of the various classes of those who have a part in the first resurrection. (*W.E. VINE*)

*CHRIST THE FIRSTFRUITS, AFTERWARD THOSE WHO ARE CHRIST'S AT HIS COMING.*

**Biblical Doctrine of Two Resurrections**

**Resurrection of believers**

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

**Resurrection of Unbelievers**

**VERSE 24**

***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.***

**VERSE 25**

***FOR HE MUST REIGN***

***TILL HE HAS PUT ALL ENEMIES***

***UNDER HIS FEET.*** - See Psalm 110:1 and Hebrews 1:13