

Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,

- $^{2}$  by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
- <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- <sup>†</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
- <sup>5</sup> and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
- <sup>6</sup> After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;
- <sup>7</sup> then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;
- $^{\it 8}$  and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.
- <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, who am not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
- <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God | am what | am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but | labored even more than all of them, yet not |, but the grace of God with me.
- Whether then it was or they, so we preach and so you believed.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

## In it our salvation was made sure

- **1 Corinthians 15:12** Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
- <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;
- <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.
- <sup>15</sup> Moreover we are even found *to be* false witnesses of God, because we witnessed against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.
- <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;
- <sup>17</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.
- <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.
- <sup>19</sup> If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

- <sup>20</sup> But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.
- <sup>21</sup> For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead.
- <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive.

**Romans 4:25** He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

- **5:1** Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- <sup>2</sup> through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.
- <sup>3</sup> And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;
- <sup>4</sup> and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;
- <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

## In it we were raised

**Ephesians 2:1** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

- <sup>2</sup> in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.
- <sup>3</sup> Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
- <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
- <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus,
- <sup>7</sup> in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

## In it we have newness of life

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase?

- <sup>2</sup> May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?
- <sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
- <sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
- <sup>5</sup> For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also *in the likeness* of His resurrection,
- <sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;
- <sup>7</sup> for he who has died is freed from sin.
- <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,
- <sup>9</sup> knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.
- <sup>10</sup> For the death that He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

**Colossians 2:8** See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

- <sup>9</sup> For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form,
- <sup>10</sup> and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;
- <sup>11</sup> and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;
- <sup>12</sup> having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.
- <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,
- <sup>14</sup> having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us *and* which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
- <sup>15</sup> When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

**Colossians 3:1** If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

- <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.
- <sup>3</sup> For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.
- <sup>6</sup> For it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come,
- <sup>7</sup> and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.
- <sup>8</sup> But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.
- <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,
- <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him
- <sup>11</sup> -- *a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.
- <sup>12</sup> And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience
- <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.
- <sup>14</sup> And beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.
- <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

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