



**"NOW CONCERNING"—**

*Reply To Their Letter –  
Liberty In Christ – 7:1-16:4*

**“The Risen Christ  
- Our Hope”**

***1 Corinthians 15:1-34***



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# **"THE RISEN CHRIST – OUR HOPE"**

## **1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-58**

### **ANSWERING QUESTIONS**

- ◆ First question pertained to marriage – (Chapter 7)
- ◆ The second question dealt with eating meat offered to idols – (Chapters 8-10)
- ◆ Chapters 11:2-16:4 deal with a variety of topics, (headship, the Lord's Supper & miraculous spiritual gifts –
- ◆ The resurrection – (15:1-58)



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### **THE PROBLEM AT CORINTH**

- ◆ They had accepted a gospel message that taught the resurrection of Christ. (15:1-4)
- ◆ What some of them were denying was the bodily resurrection of believers. (15:12-13)
- ◆ But Paul points out that such a position is contradictory. (15:12-19)
- ◆ There existed a group of Christians at Corinth, who were enthralled with the "wisdom of this world" (Chapters 1-3)



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"In the eyes of the Greeks the body was the prison-house of the soul, and death was a release of the soul from its captivity. The resurrection of the body, therefore, was regarded by them as a calamity rather than as a blessing, and so contrary to all sound philosophy as to excite ridicule. (Acts 17:32)" - McGarvey - (p. 145)



# THE GOSPEL PAUL PREACHED (I-II)

## **1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,



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<sup>5</sup> and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

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<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was with me*. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, whether *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

# THE GOSPEL PAUL PREACHED (I-II)

## FACTS OF THE GOSPEL

- ◆ They had heard, received and stood in the gospel Paul preached – (1)
- ◆ They were saved IF they held fast to the truth of the gospel – [*They could lose their salvation!! Doctrine matters*] (2)
- ◆ The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ – three facts upon which the gospel of our salvation rests – (3,4)
- ◆ The resurrection of Jesus witnessed by many – (5-8; Mat 28; Mk 14; Lk 24; etc.)
- ◆ They had believed these facts – (9-11)





# THE CONSEQUENCES OF A NO RESURRECTION DOCTRINE: 15:12-19

## CONTRADICTORY & ILLOGICAL

- ◆ How could "some" deny the general resurrection without denying Christ's resurrection? – (12,13)
- ◆ If the dead do not rise – then Jesus was not raised – and the apostles were liars – (14,15)
- ◆ If the dead do not rise – the gospel is false and they were still lost – (16,17)
- ◆ Christians who have died have perished – and suffering for Christ is a worthless endeavor!!!! – (18,19)



# CHRIST'S RESURRECTION A GUARANTEE OF OUR OWN: 15:20-34

## CHRIST IS RAISED / THEREFORE

- ✦ He was the first / in like manner others will follow - (20)
- ✦ Physical death came by man – by man also came the resurrection – (21; John 1:14; Phil. 2:6-10; Heb 2:9-18)
- ✦ Physical death came because of Adam's sin – all die, but by Christ's life, ALL WILL BE made alive, i.e. resurrected - (21,22; John 5:28,29)
- ✦ When? Christ has BEEN raised – all others raised at His coming – (23)





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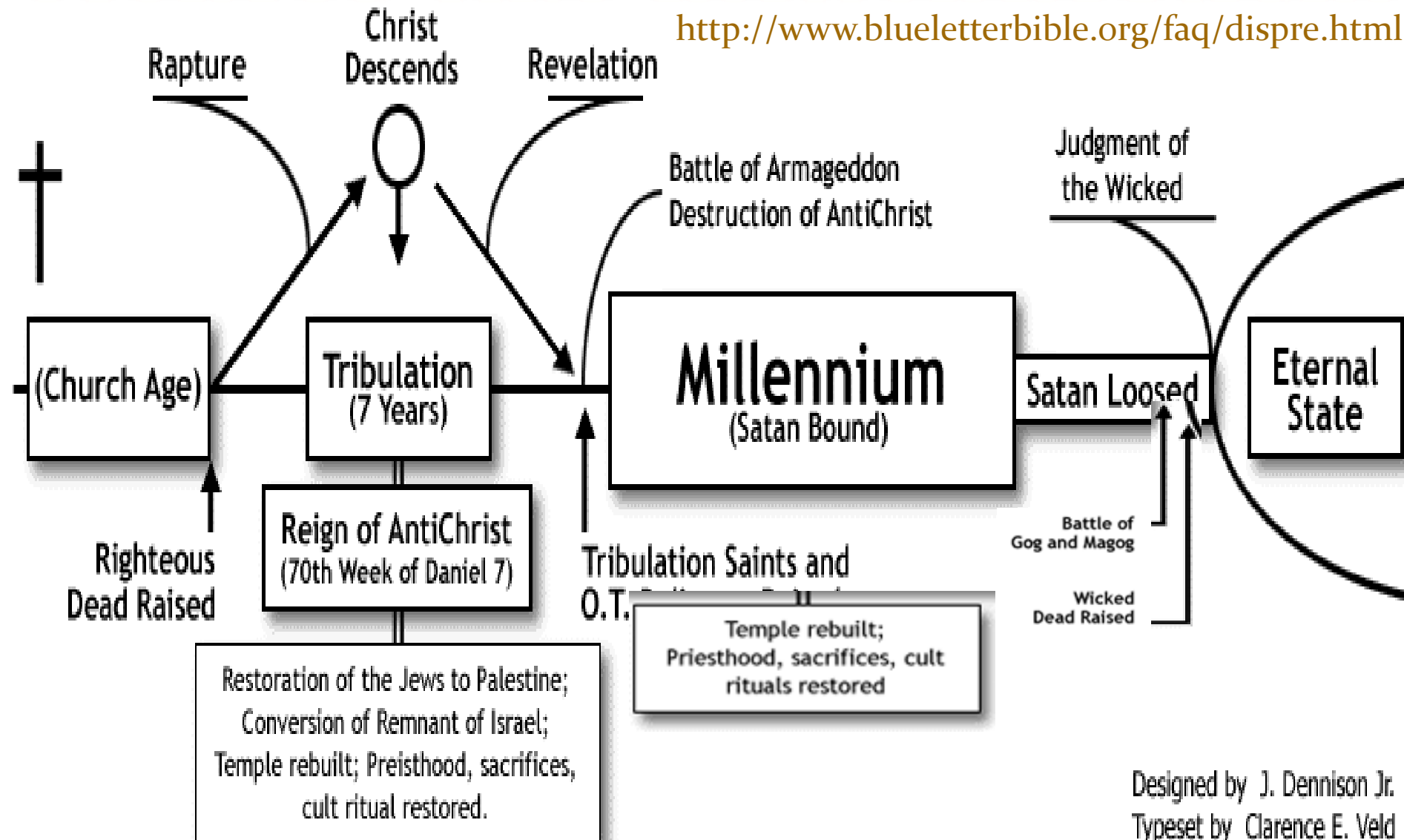
## WHEN WILL THE DEAD BE RAISED?

- ✦ At the end – when Jesus comes again - (23,24) – the LAST Trump (15:52 – John 5:28; 1 Thes 4:13-17)
- ✦ Then Jesus delivers the kingdom back to the Father – *[not establish it!]* (24,25) –
- ✦ Marks the defeat of the LAST enemy – DEATH (25,26; 54-57)



# Denies Pre millennialism

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## DENIES PRE-MILLENNIALISM

- ✦ NO room for two, or three separate resurrections in 1007 years – (John 5:28,29; 2 Thes 1:6-12; 2 Pet 3:10-14)
- ✦ Jesus is reigning NOW – (25-28; Mark 9:1; Acts 2:25-36; Col. 1:13; Rev 1:5-8; 5:10)
- ✦ When Jesus returns He will give the kingdom over to the Father – His reign will end when death is defeated – which will occur when the last trump sounds – and all come forth from the grave - (24-28; 52-55; John 5:28,29)



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## CHRIST IS RAISED / THEREFORE

- ◆ We're baptized unto life, not death - (29)
- ◆ We suffer for Christ – risking our lives for the cause of Christ? – (30-32; Acts 14:22; Rom 8:18-39; 2 Cor. 4:7-12; 2 Tim 3:12)
- ◆ We live holy lives, for if the dead are not raised, we might as well live it up - (32)
- ◆ This doctrine effects our lives – (33)
- ◆ We should “awake to righteousness and not sin” – (34; 1 John 2:1,2)
- ◆ Some are ignorant – (34)





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## **1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-58**



- ✦ The death, burial and resurrection of Christ are the foundational FACTS of our hope!
- ✦ We will all be raised and stand before the Lord to be judged! (2 Cor. 5:10)
- ✦ Have you believed the gospel?
- ✦ Have you been baptized that you may live with Christ?
- ✦ Are you living a holy life in view of the resurrection and judgment?





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**John 5:24-30 (NASB95)**

<sup>24</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. <sup>25</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.



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<sup>26</sup> "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; <sup>27</sup> and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is *the* Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice,

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<sup>29</sup> and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment. <sup>30</sup> "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.