

# ***Four Last Things***

***1 Corinthians 15***

## **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**

**1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;**

**2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.**

**3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;**

**4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**

**5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:**

## **1 Corinthians 15:1-8 - continued**

**6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.**

**7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.**

**8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.**

# **I. The Last Witness**

**1 Corinthians 15:8**

**And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.**

**The triumph of His resurrection**

**A. The world puts a stigma on being last**

**B. But the last with God gets the same benefit**

**Matthew 20:16**

**So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.**

**C. The point is not to be left out**

## **II. The Last Enemy**

### **1 Corinthians 15:24-26**

**24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.**

**25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.**

**26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.**

## **II. The Last Enemy**

### **A. The triumph of His reign**

#### **1. The sting of death removed**

**1 Corinthians 15:55-56**

**55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?**

**56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.**

#### **2. We are delivered from death**

**Romans 7:24-25**

**24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?**

**25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.**

## **II. The Last Enemy**

**B. Death opens an eternity with God**

**2 Corinthians 5:1-5**

**5 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**

**2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:**

**3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.**

## **II. The Last Enemy**

**B. Death opens an eternity with God**

**2 Corinthians 5:1-5 - continued**

**4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.**

**5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.**

# **III. The Last Adam**

**1 Corinthians 15:45**

**And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.**

# **III. The Last Adam**

## **A. The curse of the first Adam**

**Romans 5:12**

**Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**

## **B. The cure of last Adam - Christ**

**Romans 5:21**

**That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Ephesians 2:1**

**And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;**

# **IV. The Last Trump**

## **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**

**51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,**

**52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

**The triumph of His return**

# **IV. The Last Trump**

## **A. The eternal change**

**1 Corinthians 15:53-54**

**53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.**

**54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.**

## **B. The eternal victory**

**1 Corinthians 15:57**

**But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

# **IV. The Last Trump**

## **C. The eternal outlook**

### **1 Corinthians 15:58**

**Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.**

**These Four Last Things  
Will Last**