

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How did Paul prove the resurrection of Jesus? How many witnesses were there?
2. How important is the fact of Jesus' resurrection to us? What benefit do we have in this life as a result of it? [\[SoF:5,10\]](#)
3. What will our resurrected bodies be like?

SUMMARY:

If we are to have hope of eternity we must first believe that Jesus is the Son of God, that He came down upon this earth in the form of man, that He died for the sins of mankind having no sin of His own, and that He rose again to be victorious over death. [\[SoF:5\]](#) This faith is so important because it is the cornerstone of our life on this earth and our hope of eternity. The Holy Spirit, who is our guide and our comforter, was not given until Christ had been glorified (resurrected and ascended). (See John 7:39)

If we hope to be raised into eternal life it was necessary for Jesus to be raised first. And because He lives, we shall live also. (John 14:19)

NOTES:

[\[SoF:5\]](#) We believe in Christ's bodily resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God, and that He will make a personal return to earth in power and glory. [\[SoF:10\]](#) We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved unto life eternal and the lost unto eternal damnation.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #3

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Second Quarter

CHRIST IS RISEN

LESSON TEXT: *1 Corinthians 15:1-23, 35-58*

LESSON SETTING: Paul writing to Corinthian Church from Ephesus.

TIME: Spring 57 A.D.

I. FACT OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION. *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

- A. His Death (vs. 3) John 10:11; 19:20; Romans 5:6;
- B. His Burial (vs. 4a) Luke 23:52-53; John 19:41-42
- C. His Resurrection (vs. 4b) Mark 16:6

II. IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION. [\[SoF:5\]](#) *1 Cor. 15:12-19*

- A. Basis of our Faith. 2 Corinthians 4:13-14; 1 Thessalonians 4:14
- B. Promise of the Holy Spirit. John 7:39; 16:7
- C. Promise of Man's Resurrection. 2 Corinthians 4:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:14; 1 Peter 1:3

III. ORDER OF THE RESURRECTION. *1 Corinthians 15:20-23*

- A. Christ, the First Fruits (vs. 20, 23) Romans 8:29; Colossians 1:18
- B. Man raised up by Christ (vs. 23) 2 Corinthians 4:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-16

IV. METHOD OF THE RESURRECTION. *1 Corinthians 15:35-58*

- A. Life Out of Death (vs. 36) Mark 8:35; John 12:24
- B. Raised a Spiritual Body (vs. 44, 49) [\[SoF:10\]](#) 2 Corinthians 5:2; Philippians 3:21
- C. Victory over Death (vs. 53-58) Isaiah 25:8; 2 Timothy 1:10

GOLDEN TEXT: *AS IN ADAM ALL DIE, EVEN SO IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE.* *1 Corinthians 15:22*

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Genesis 27:1-33
SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Romans 12:9-17

QUARTERLY THEME: The Patriarchs

TOPIC: JACOB WRONGS HIS BROTHER

INTRODUCTION:

Isaac, in his old age had become quite blind and in the great amount of time in which he had to think, his desire turned to his first-born son Esau, whom he loved more than Jacob. He desired to grant his blessings upon Esau before he died. This was customary but Esau had no right to this blessing which was to go with the birthright to the eldest son. He had sold this birthright for a morsel of food, never to regain it, though he sought it carefully with tears. However, he found no place of repentance within himself. (Hebrews 12:16-17)

On the other hand, Jacob was very wrong in seeking the birthright blessing (which now was to be given to him) by the practice of deceit and lying. Truly Jacob's life proves that "*as we sow so shall we reap.*" God's covenant was made with Jacob, but the plague of his sins still followed Him. He had to flee for his life. His Uncle Laban deceived him when he gave him Leah for a wife instead of Rachel. Later, his own sons deceived him when they sold Joseph into Egypt and then reported Joseph as having been killed by a wild animal.

We too, might gain certain things we desire by deceit and lying, but let us remember that the penalty is great and the price runs high. "*Lying lips are abomination to the Lord; but they that deal truly are his delight.*" (Proverbs 12:22)

CENTRAL TRUTH: Because sin is far-reaching in its effects, our sins may cause others to suffer.

GOLDEN TEXT: *HE THAT TELLETH LIES SHALL NOT TARRY IN MY SIGHT.*
Psalm 101:7

One sin that besets the world and comes into lives is the sin of lying. The world has graded these for size and color such as big lies, and little lies, black lies and white lies. The world even says that the little lies and the white lies are okay. But God's Words tells us that **all** lies are sin, that **all** lies are an abomination to Him, that **all** liars will be kept out of the new city Jerusalem (Revelation 21:8; 22:15), and shall rather be cast into the lake of fire.

Usually one lie is not sufficient but often requires a second one to cover the first one, then a third, etc. Our lesson concerning Jacob and Esau recounts three lies that were necessary for Jacob to tell to complete the deception.

But thanks be to God, Jacob repented and found forgiveness and became the one through whom all nations are blessed. Man today, obsessed with this terrible sin, can also repent, and find God's forgiveness and can become one who overcomes. Only those who "overcome" can inherit all things. (Revelation 21:7)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 21 – 27

- M. *Isaac Plans to Bless His Sons. Genesis 27:1-5
- T. *Rebekah Plans to Cheat Isaac. Genesis 27:6-13
- W. *Jacob Deceives His Father. Genesis 27:14-20
- T. *Jacob Wrongs His Brother. Genesis 27:21-33
- F. Isaac Prophecies about Esau. Genesis 27:34-40
- S. Jacob's Sin Compels Him to Flee. Genesis 27:41-46
- S. God Shows His Sovereign Love. Romans 9:6-16

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