

“Restore in 2024”



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## The Restoration of The Resurrection

*I Corinthians 15:1-58*

**INTRODUCTION:** The Greeks did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. When Paul preached the resurrection at Athens, some of the people actually laughed at this doctrine (*Acts 17:32*). Their philosophers taught that the body was the prison of the soul, and the sooner the soul was set free in death, the better off the man would be.

They looked up on the human body as a source of weakness and wickedness and they could not conceive of wanting to have the body continued after death.

It was this kind of thinking that Paul had to deal with when he wrote this chapter. This is why we need to restore the doctrine of the Resurrection.

### **FIRST: THE CONFIRMATION OF THE RESURRECTION. I COR. 15:1-34**

Confirmed by historical events. (*1-11*). The Corinthians did not doubt the resurrection of Christ, so Paul begins there in his argument. The resurrection of Christ is an historic fact proved by: the message of the Gospel; the testimony of witnesses; and the conversion of Paul himself. If there was no resurrection, there would be no salvation; for a dead Saviour can save nobody! "Now," argues Paul, "I know that you Corinthians believe in the resurrection of Christ, otherwise your faith is empty (vain)." Christ was a man, and now He has a resurrection body. If He carries a glorified body in eternity, why should we believers not have one also? This is another aspect of the Christians union with Christ: because He has been glorified, we shall also be glorified one day.

Confirmed by personal testimony. (*12-19*). In these verses, Paul points to their own personal experience. He had preached the Gospel to them, they had believed, and their lives had been transformed. But if the dead rise not, then Christ is still dead, and that Gospel was a lie! Their faith was vain, and they are still in their sins! That means that the Christian faith is good only if a man lives; there is no hope after death.

Confirmed by Bible doctrine. (*20-28*). Here Paul deals with the Bible doctrine of the "Two Adams". He uses this argument also in *Romans 5*. It was through the first Adam's sin that death came into the world, but through the last Adam Christ death has been conquered. Christ is the first fruits; that is, he is the first of a great harvest that is yet to come. Christ is God's "Last Adam" and He will reverse all the wrong that the first Adam brought into this World. When Christ comes, the dead in Christ will be raised (*Verse 23* and *I Thessalonians 4:13-18*). He will finally put all things under his feet, including death. In other words, to deny the resurrection of the dead is to deny the future kingdom of Christ. If believers are "dead and gone," then God's promise for the future is null and void.

### **SECOND: THE COURSE OF THE RESURRECTION. I COR. 15:35-49**

How are the dead raised? This is the key question here. Paul uses a nature illustration to show that there is no life apart from death. The seed that is planted dies and bears fruit, and the fruit, while identified with the original seed, is different from it. The resurrection body, like the bodies in the heavens, will have its own kind of glory. It is not the same body that was planted *verse 37*, but there is continuity between the physical body and the resurrection body. The physical body laid in the grave is liable to corruption; it is humble, a body of humiliation; it is weak; it is suited to a natural

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Oliver B. Greene

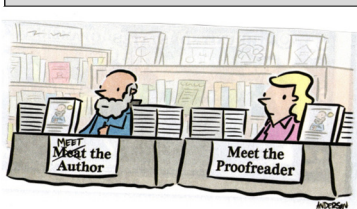
### The Greatest Need

*"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:" Preach the WORD. Be instant in season, out of season. Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine" (II Tim. 4:1,2).*

This was the charge given to young Timothy by the Apostle Paul, his father in the ministry. It is a charge that needs to be read, re-read, and obeyed today, for we are living in the days when preachers often fail to "preach the Word" in all of its fullness. They fail to "reprove" or "rebuke" lest they offend someone in the congregation. They fail to name sin as SIN for fear they will hurt someone's feelings.

In many big denominational churches today the pastor preaches a social gospel instead of preaching the Gospel of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus "according to the Scriptures." The people do not want to hear, "Thus saith the Lord!" They are "at ease in Zion" and they do not want to hear preaching that disturbs them. Too many Christians live like the world, and much of the world has been brought into the churches. Therefore the preacher who preaches against sin is destined to be unpopular, and many ministers who pastor metropolitan churches would be out of their pulpits and out of a job if they preached the pure, unadulterated Word of God.

But thank God, man does not have to put his stamp of approval on the ministry of God's man! If a man is called of God to preach the Word, and the preaching of the Word causes him to lose his standing with a congregation and get kicked out of his pastorate, God will open another door for him in a bigger and better work than that from which man expelled him.



"WHERE DID I PUT THAT PEN?"

"WILL YOU TWO STOP NAGGING ME ABOUT THE GARBAGE?"

Food



Treasure Hunt

Spring Program—2024  
March 24<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>

Wow!  
Games



Fun

HORSES



Competitions

*A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER, "WHY ARE SOME OF YOUR HAIRS WHITE NOW?"  
HIS FATHER REPLIED, "EVERY LIE YOU TELL TURNS ONE OF MY HAIRS WHITE."  
"OH," THE BOY SAID. "NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY ALL OF GRANDPA'S HAIRS ARE WHITE, TOO."*



Dr. Greg Neal

### Make Yourself Available

John 19:25-27

Of all the disciples, John was the one who was standing by Jesus' mother. John put himself at great risk as a follower of Christ to be there with Mary that day witnessing Jesus' Crucifixion. This was a most serious hour. In *verse 26*, Jesus had not yet given John the responsibility of caring for Mary, but by virtue of the fact that John was standing by the mother of Jesus meant he was available for that responsibility to be given to him. Many Christians could do more for the Lord if they just made themselves available. Sometimes we wonder why the Lord did not pick us for a specific task, but were we standing by, making ourselves available for His use?

The disciples were not above the typical feelings that Christians have. They were flesh and blood like we are. Perhaps one of the others may have wondered why the Lord had not chosen him to care for Mary, but John was the one who had been standing nearby Oftentimes, we ask God why He has not given us the responsibility or the privilege to serve Him in one area or another; but in our difficult circumstances and hostile environment, are we standing by as John did?

environment. The resurrection body will not be so. It will have power and glory; and it will be suited to a spiritual environment. It will bear the image of the heavenly.

The resurrection body of Christ illustrates what Paul is teaching here. The believers recognized Him, so there was continuity between His crucified body and His glorified body; but He was also able to change His appearance. He passed through locked doors, yet also ate fish and honey (*Luke 24:41-43*) and invited the disciples to feel Him. It was the same body, yet it was also a different body. The resurrection body retains the personal identity and individuality of the believer, but will be suited to a new way of life.

### **THIRD: THE CHANGE THAT WILL TAKE PLACE.**

**I COR. 15:50-58**

Now Paul deals with the second coming of Christ and what it means to both the living and the dead. We shall not all die (sleep), because some saints will be alive when Christ returns: but we shall all be changed. This mystery concerns the rapture of the church. A mystery in the New Testament is a truth understood only by the family, hidden in ages past, but now made known by the Spirit When Christ returns, the dead shall be raised first, the living caught up with them, and all will be changed to be like Christ! And all of this will happen in the twinkling of an eye!

He closes with a note victory. There can be no staying in death When a person is a Christian, for Christ has taken out that sting. There can be no victory in the grave, for Christ will one day empty the graves and bring forth his own and resurrection power. How hopeless the Greeks were when they thought about death! Inscriptions on old tunes in Greece and Rome indicate that death was their greatest enemy, that they saw no hope beyond the grave. In Christ we have life and hope!

**CONCLUSION:** Several times in this chapter Paul uses the phrase “*in vain*”. It means “empty, without content”. Because the tomb is empty, our faith and work is not empty! But if the tomb is not empty, then everything else is in vain: our preaching is empty (*verse 14*), our faith is empty (*verse 14*), and our works are empty (*verse 58*). Thanks be unto God for the victory we have in the resurrection Of Christ!

### **Prayer of Salvation**

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

“Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen.” (*Romans 10:9 and 10:13*)



### **Prayer of Service**

“Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?” (*Acts 9:6*)

**ST. PATRICK'S IS THE ONE DAY WHEN NO ONE CARES IF YOU BELIEVE YOU'VE SEEN A LEPRECHAUN.**

**IF ROBBERS EVER BROKE INTO MY HOUSE TO SEARCH FOR MONEY, I'D JUST LAUGH AND SEARCH WITH THEM.**

**THE TECHNICAL TERM FOR A WARM, SUNNY DAY THAT FOLLOWS TWO RAINY DAYS IS “MONDAY.”**



*Dr & Mrs.  
Bob Gray*

### **Great Expectations**

*Lee Ann Gray  
Ephesians 5:19-22*

Love takes the first step in your relationship with your husband. Your husband was made to do what he is doing, and you were made for him. It is no accident that you married who you married. Some days you may think, “I must have been out of my mind.” You may not say it, but you may think it. Remember, love has to take the first step. If love takes the first step then you will need to get your priorities in order. If you want to do your own thing, have your own career, or say, “I can be my own person, I don’t need any help,” then you are not going to have this right relationship.

We must settle our minds and accept what the Bible teaches concerning our husbands. Notice that there is no age, economic background, or educational background attached. This is something we, as ladies, need to search the Scriptures for. Maybe you learn some from listening to a preacher. Maybe you learn some more from listening to a lady speak, from counseling with another lady, or from talking to your Mother, Grandmother, or sister. Regardless of how or where you learn how to be a Biblical wife, you still have to accept it and settle it in your mind. Truth is truth, and you can do nothing against the truth.

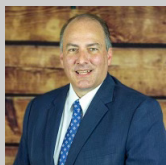
*Ephesians 5* talks about your relationship with your husband. Some mornings you are not even sure you love him! That is terrible to say, but have you ever been there? You know you love him, but it is buried under the laundry, the garbage, and everything else you do.

# Something to “CROW” about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 33 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 33 years—including two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual “Old-Time Religion” Conference on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



## 4. Scheduled Meetings in 2024.



Dr. Greg Neal



Dr. Tom Neal



Joseph  
Collingsworth



July 21<sup>st</sup>  
Dr. Bob Gray

## Old-Time Religion Conference—June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

*A NEW PRISONER WAS BROUGHT INTO THE CELL BLOCK. HIS CELLMATE WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT WHO LOOKED ABOUT A HUNDRED YEARS OLD.*

*THE PRISONER LOOKED AT HIM INQUIRINGLY, AND THE MAN SAID, “YES, I KNOW, I’M OLD. YOU’D NEVER BELIEVE THAT NOT TOO LONG AGO, I LIVED THE LIFE OF RILEY. I WINTERED ON THE RIVIERA, DROVE FOUR FINE CARS AND ATE IN FRANCE’S BEST RESTAURANTS.*

*“WHAT HAPPENED?” THE PRISONER ASKED. “ONE DAY, RILEY REPORTED HIS CREDIT CARDS MISSING.”*



Sarah  
Chapman

### From a Pastor’s Wife ... Mrs. Sarah Chapman

Materialism is rampant in our country. The insatiable desire for more corrupts morals and steals joy. This tragedy plays out in some Christian homes too. Unrealistic expectations put a mountain of pressure on a godly husband who wants to please his wife and family. God calls His people to a better way of life.

Contentment is a balm to the soul and a protection from Satan’s devices. True joy can only be found in contentment with God. Our Lord began to teach me this lesson at a young age. I was privileged to grow up in a Christian home. My Dad was in Bible College during the years I was three to nine. Though he worked incredibly hard, money was scarce. My mom worked miracles to provide all of our household needs. Things were tight, but we were blessed! Dad started to pastor a church when I was nine. I lived in a preacher’s home until I started Bible college.

Although the church took good care of us, no Independent Baptist goes into the ministry to earn money. Don’t get caught up in the buzz to have the newest, nicest, biggest, and best. Christians should have a different standard of living than the lost world. Today, I live in a bed of sickness with a body that imprisons me in pain. I don’t worry about possessions as much as I fret that life is passing me by while I can’t live it normally.

Year after year the kids grow older. Week after week life passes me by. Moment by moment my body is racked with pain. What can I do? Strive to be content with the lot God has given me. Only contented faith can allow true joy.

Choose to be happy with what God gives you. You (and your family) will be glad you did.

*“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”*  
Hebrews 13:5

## Only One Gospel Galatians 1:6-8



John R. Rice

Did Paul have one gospel different from the gospel preached by others? Was the kingdom gospel and Paul's gospel different? I answer quickly and say, "Absolutely not!" There is only one gospel, only one plan of salvation. That gospel never did change and never will.

In Galatians 1:6-8 Paul says, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from Heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

Paul says that that which the Judaizers brought to Galatia was claimed to be another gospel; but it was not really a gospel. Then he gives them the solemn warning that the original gospel which he preached to them early in his second missionary journey (Acts 16:6) was the only gospel, and none other was to be tolerated. If he, Paul, or even an angel from Heaven, should later come to them with any different gospel, he was to be accursed!

Thus we know that Paul never did change his gospel. Any new revelation Paul received from Heaven did not affect the old, old gospel. It was just the same, never to be changed.

Again let us impress upon our minds the solemn warning of the Apostle Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:8, 9).

There is only one gospel; there has never been another, and there will never be another. It is the blessed gospel of grace, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, that "whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

### Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



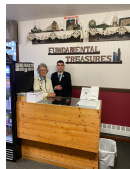
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**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
WISDOM AND LUCK? ONE IS CLEVER. THE  
OTHER IS CLOVER.**

**WHY DID THE DINOSAUR CROSS THE ROAD?  
BECAUSE THE CHICKEN JOKE HADN'T  
EVOLVED YET.**

**WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD? I DON'T KNOW, BUT I DREAM OF A WORLD WHERE A CHICKEN CAN  
TRAVEL WHERE THEY WANT WHEN THEY WANT WITHOUT HAVING THEIR MOTIVES QUESTIONED.**

**Ladies 2024 Retreat  
Friday August 16th  
7:00PM**

**All ladies are invited.  
Special Speaker: Mrs.  
Tracie Burns**



1 lb. green beans,  
trimmed  
1 tbsp. red wine vinegar  
1 1/2 tsp. Dijon mustard

### Beans and Bacon Salad

4 slices bacon, cooked  
and crumbled  
1/2 pint cherry tomatoes,  
halved

3 tbsp. olive oil  
Kosher or fine sea  
salt, to taste  
Pepper, to taste

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Prepare a large bowl filled with ice water. Drop the beans into the boiling water and cook until crisp tender, about 4 minutes. Remove the beans from the boiling water and place directly in the ice water. Let cool at least 5 minutes. Drain well.
2. In a salad bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar and mustard. Add the drained beans, bacon and tomatoes. Toss to coat. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Some food for thought ...or...

# Seed From The Silo!

## Planned Parenthood Taking Teens to Other States for Secret Abortions Every Day

Parents are not told about their underage daughters abortion at Planned Parenthood in some states, and the abortion giant is also involved in trafficking the minors across state lines according to an investigative journalism group's recent undercover probe.

According to one Planned Parenthood Managing Director, girls as young as 13 years old "are an adult in our clinics."

Missouri became the first state to ban abortion due to its trigger law in June 2022 after the overturning of Roe v. Wade. Planned Parenthood clinics in the region have been referring clients out of state for the procedure, including minors who are not accompanied by parents.

The undercover reporter asked the Managing Director how often they send minors into neighboring Kansas for the procedure. "Every day," she said, and repeated, "every day."

The reporter asked if the Kansas clinics abide by the "rule" of not telling parents. The staff receptionist in the video noted you can request "a bypass." This is a way for the staff to know the parents are not to be notified.

*Tabatha Goodling, lifenews.com*

## **OB/GYN WHO DELIVERED OVER 5,000 BABIES SAYS, "I KNOW WOMEN DON'T NEED ABORTION"**

As an obstetrician and gynecologist practicing for over 30 years, delivering over 5,000 babies, I have cared for many women with unintended pregnancies. The creation of a child is often a surprise for a couple, but for the majority, the surprise quickly gives way to pleasant anticipation of the coming baby....

The abortion industry...preys on women facing unintended pregnancies, promoting abortion as the only solution and promising it will reset the clock and erase the difficult circumstances. I have seen far too many women make the rushed decision of ending the lives of their unborn children, only to experience regret later, often accompanied by mental health complications such as anxiety, depression, substance and alcohol abuse and even self-harm.

—Dr. Ingrid Skop, lifenews.com

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?

## **Lest We Forget**

### Tribute to Lt. Lane



*Lt. Sharon Lane*

During the Nov. 10 smartphone-lit ceremony at the Vietnam Women's Memorial, retired Col. Jane Carson, who was head nurse on duty at an evacuation hospital in Chu Lai when Lt. Sharon Lane was killed by shrapnel at age 25 on June 8, 1969, recited a version of Col. Maude Smith's poetic tribute to their fallen comrade. "It was very hard, as you can imagine, to lose any soldier," Carson told attendees. "But to lose one right in the middle of the hospital - and you can't save them - it was devastating. We had a memorial service for her on the 10th, sent her body home accompanied by one of our officers, and went back to work. We packed that down for years."

I am Lt. Lane.  
Do you remember me?  
I was taken from your midst  
Beyond the China Sea.  
Yes, I am Sharon Lane,  
And I am with them,  
The very many thousand,  
valiant Young men.  
I am with them now  
Where it is ever more serene.  
In the cause of freedom and  
man's epic search  
For truth, we only plea that you  
will think it carefully through

Before another brutal war claims  
other young folk, too.  
I was caring for a soldier, leaning  
over his bed,  
A piece of shrapnel struck my  
neck, and in seconds, I was  
dead.  
I didn't even have a chance to  
breathe a good-bye, to gesture,  
to scream, or to say a prayer,  
or cry.  
It happened very suddenly a long  
time ago

But I'm not regretful, I  
want you to know.  
Enjoy Earth's awesome  
wonder  
The while that you are  
there.  
Yes, I am Sharon Lane.  
Love binds me to you yet,  
As it does to gallant men,  
Lest we forget.

# Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**  
We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

**I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11**

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

**Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

## Baptist Beliefs

**B**iblical Authority

**A**utonomy of the Local Church

**P**riesthood of ALL Believers

**T**wo ordinances - Baptism & Communion

**I**mmersed Church Membership

**S**oul-liberty

**T**wo officers - Pastors and Deacons

**S**eparation of Church and State

## Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- **John Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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