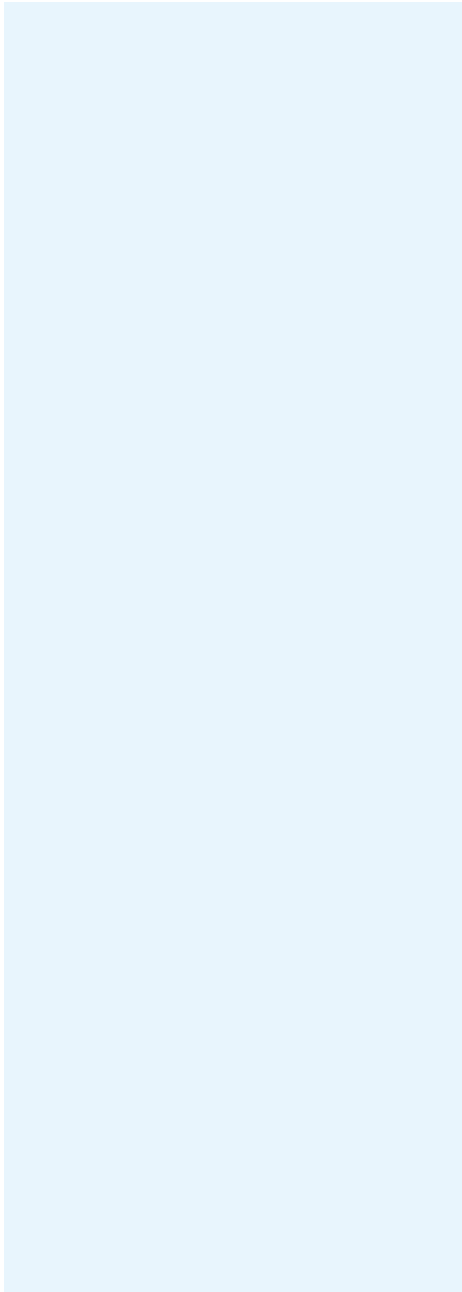


The Life of Obedience to God

- 20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.
- 21 For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead.
- 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.*
- 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming,
- 24 then *comes* the end,* when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.
- 25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.
- 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death.
- 27 For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him.
- 28 When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One* who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.



Observation

1. According to Paul, what does the resurrection of Jesus become for those who are asleep? (vv. 20, 23)
2. What does Jesus do when all things are subjected to him? (v. 28)

Interpretation & Meditation

3. Why does Jesus become subjected to God after making all things subjected to him?

Reflection

4. What do you realize from Jesus who conquers everything and obeys to God?

Resolution & Application

5. In what part of your life have you not obeyed the Lord fully?
What will you commit to change in order to have God your Lord who is all in all?

*For as in Adam ... all will be made alive (v. 22) If Adam brought sin and death to mankind as the first man, Jesus would be the first fruit of the dead and would take the death of his people and give them eternal life.

*then comes the end (v. 24) This means the end of the world when everything would be complete.

*When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One (v. 28) Jesus came to represent mankind as the second Adam. Jesus himself obeyed God and became the model of mankind for the life worshipping God only.

Paul teaches that although Adam's sin brought death to this land, the dead also gain life because of Jesus, the first fruit of the resurrection. For this purpose, the resurrection of the dead takes place in order, and when resurrected Jesus comes to the word for the second time, the saints in Christ will also be resurrected (vv. 20-23). Then the end of the world will follow. Jesus will destroy all powers and give his country to the Father. But the important thing here is that Jesus himself obeys God, who made all creations obey (v. 28). Jesus is the second Adam, the representative of mankind who came to make atonement for everyone. Therefore, he makes his body a slave before God and shows an image that the Christians should follow. Those who praise God as the Lord of the lords must obey God. Therefore, let us be disciples of the Lord, always training in obedience to the Word to fully experience the glory of resurrection.

prayer _ Make me a child of faith focusing only on you Lord with a firm belief in the resurrection.