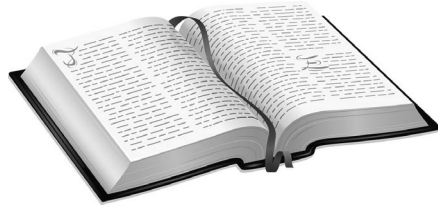


Bible Correspondence Fellowship

Answer Sheet for English Standard Version (ESV)



1 Corinthians - Lesson 5 of 5

Please memorize the following verse and be prepared to
write it out at the end of this lesson.

Behold, I am telling you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 NASB

Chapter 15

The fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians is one of the most powerful in all of scripture. The first verses give the most concise summary of the gospel of salvation in the Bible. It also contains information about the nature of our resurrection and the bodies we will have after we have been changed and we are with the Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 _____ Check

1. (v. 15:1) What did Paul want to declare (remind) to the Corinthian believers?
I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you
2. (v. 15:2) What could this gospel do for them if they kept it in their memory (held firmly to it) (see also Romans 1:16)? by which you are being saved

3. (vs. 15:3-4) What are the three significant points of the gospel as presented in these verses?
1. that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
 2. that he was buried
 3. he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,
4. (vs. 15:5-7) What further evidence does Paul give to prove the resurrection of Christ?
he appeared to Cephas, the twelve and more than five hundred brothers at one time.
He appeared to James, then to all the apostles
5. (v. 15:8) Who was the last to see Christ? to me (Paul)
6. (vs. 9) Why did Paul feel that he was not worthy to be called an apostle?
unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
7. (v. 15:10) To what did Paul attribute anything which he had accomplished?
I worked harder than any of them

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-34 _____ Check

8. (v. 15:12) What were some in Corinth saying about the resurrection of the dead?
how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
9. (vs. 15:13-14) What would be the value of Paul's preaching if Christ had not been raised from the dead?
if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.
10. (vs. 15:15-18) What would be our fate if Christ were not resurrected?
if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

11. (v. 15:19) What would be the condition of believers if their hope was only for this life-time? If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.
12. (v. 15:22) Describe the contrast between Adam and Christ brought out in this verse.
as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
13. (vs. 15:23-25) What sequence of events does Paul give in these verses outlining the events associated with resurrection?
Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
Then comes the end,when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father
14. (v. 15:26) What will be the last enemy to be destroyed? death.

Note: These few verses (23-28) give a brief synopsis of the end times events. After the believers are raised in the rapture, the end times will come (seven years Tribulation). Christ will reign until all enemies have been destroyed, including death and Hades (Revelation 20:14), at which point Christ will turn all things over to the Father

15. (v. 15:29) What practice does Paul refer to in this verse? baptized for the dead

Note: The practice of baptism for the dead is not mentioned anywhere else in the Bible and there is no further explanation of what Paul was referring. This is one part of the Scripture the meaning of which will remain a mystery until we see the Lord and are able to ask Him to explain it to us.

16. (vs. 34) What does Paul tell the Corinthians not to do by associating with those that taught there was no resurrection? do not go on sinning.

THE RESURRECTION BODY

Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-49 _____ Check

17. (vs. 15:35-41) Briefly summarize what Paul is trying to say in these verses.
(answers vary) People ask, What kind of body will we have after we die? There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies.

18. (vs. 15:42-44) List the distinctions Paul points out between the natural body (the one sown) and the resurrection body.

<u>Natural Body</u>	<u>Resurrection Body</u>
1. <u>What is sown is perishable</u>	<u>what is raised is imperishable</u>
2. <u>It is sown in dishonor</u>	<u>it is raised in glory.</u>
3. <u>It is sown in weakness</u>	<u>it is raised in power.</u>
4. <u>It is sown a natural body</u>	<u>it is raised a spiritual body</u>

19. Read verses 45-49 carefully and note the distinction between the earthly character of Adam and the heavenly character of Christ. _____ Check

THE RAPTURE

Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 _____ Check

20. (v. 15:50) What cannot inherit the kingdom of God? flesh and blood

21. (v. 15:51) What word does Paul use to describe the events he is about to discuss?
Behold! I tell you a mystery.

Note: The Greek word translated “mystery,” (musterion), means something kept secret or hidden. The following truths that Paul is going to teach were things which were kept secret by God and were revealed only through the Apostle Paul.

22. (v. 15:51) What will happen to believers at the time Christ comes?
We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

23. (v. 15:52) How long will it take for our bodies to be changed?
in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,

24. (v. 15:52) What will announce the Lord's coming (compare 1 Thessalonians 4:16)?
For the trumpet will sound,

25. (vs. 15:52-53) What will happen to the dead and those alive at the moment the trumpet sounds?
the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed For this perishable body
must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

26. (v. 15:54) What will happen to death when we have been given resurrection bodies?
"Death is swallowed up in victory."

27. (v. 15:56) What is the sting of death? The sting of death is sin
28. (v. 15:57) Through whom do we have victory?
thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

29. (v. 15:58) What does Paul say about the value of our labor for the Lord?
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Chapter 16

THE COLLECTION FOR THE POOR

Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 _____ Check

1. (v. 16:1) To whom else did Paul give instructions about the collection of money?
as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do.

Note: This collection was to help the Jewish Christians that were in Jerusalem. They had experienced severe hardship because of the persecutions that had taken place. Paul collected money in all the churches he visited to help alleviate their hardships.

2. (v. 16:2) When were the Corinthians to set aside money?
On the first day of every week,

3. (v. 16:2) How much money were the Corinthians to set aside?
each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper
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Note: These instructions reflect the principle of giving according to grace rather than law. Under the Law the Israelites had specific commandments to give ten percent of all they earned. Nowhere does Paul give such a law. However, he leaves it open for believers to give more than that if they have been so blessed.

PERSONAL MATTERS

Read 1 Corinthians 16:5-18 _____ Check

4. (vs. 16:5-7) What were Paul's plans concerning visiting the Corinthians.
I will visit you after passing through Macedonia,
For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you
5. (v. 16:7) What condition does Paul place on these plans being realized?
if the Lord permits.
6. (vs. 16:8-9) Why did Paul want to go to Ephesus?
or a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.
7. (vs 16:10-11) How should the Corinthians respond to a visit from Timothy?
When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you,
So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me,
8. (vs. 16:13-14) What instructions does Paul give the Corinthians in these verses?
Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.
Let all that you do be done in love.
9. (v. 16:15) Whose household were the first converts (firstfruits) in Achaia (Greece)?
the household ☩
Read 1 Corinthians 1:16 and identify Paul's relationship to them.
I did baptize also the household of Ste ☩
10. (v. 16:19) In whose home did the church meet that sent greetings to the Corinthians?
Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house,

11. (v. 16:21) Who wrote down the final greetings of the letter? I, Paul, write this greeting.

Note: It is believed that Paul had serious eye problems and that he dictated his letters to a secretary that copied down his words. However, he signed the letters himself as evidence that they were authentic.

12. (v. 16:22) What does Paul say of those that do not love the Lord?
If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed.

13. (v. 16:24) How does Paul close the letter?
My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Write 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 from memory on the lines below.

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