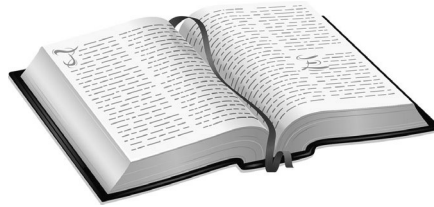


Bible Correspondence Fellowship

Answer Sheet for New Living Translational (NLT)



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?
the Good News 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)? they would be saved

3. (vs. 15:3-4) What are the three significant points of the gospel as presented in these verses?
1. Christ died for our sins
 2. He was buried
 3. he rose from the dead
4. (vs. 15:5-7) What further evidence does Paul give to prove the resurrection of Christ?
He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. he was seen by more than 500 followers at one time. He ws seen by James and the apostles, and by Paul himself.
5. (v. 15:8) Who was the last to see Christ? Paul
6. (vs. 9) Why did Paul feel that he was not worthy to be called an apostle?
He persecuted God's church
7. (v. 15:10) To what did Paul attribute anything which he had accomplished?
God poured out his special favor on him

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?
That there was 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?
then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.
10. (vs. 15:15-18) What would be our fate if Christ were not resurrected?
then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins.

11. (v. 15:19) What would be the condition of believers if their hope was only for this life-time? They would be more to be pitied than anyone in the world.
12. (v. 15:22) Describe the contrast between Adam and Christ brought out in this verse.
everyone dies because we all belong to Adam,
everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.
13. (vs. 15:23-25) What sequence of events does Paul give in these verses outlining the events associated with resurrection?
Christ was raised, believers will be raised when He returns. Kingdom returned to God
after earthly rulers are destroyed. Christ reigns.
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? baptism 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? they were not to sin

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.

A seed must die before it grows to become a plant.

Likewise, every created thing has its own unique type of body

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

Natural Body

Resurrection Body

1. planted in the ground when dead

raised to live forever.

2. buried in brokenness

raised in glory.

3. buried in weakness

raised in strength.

4. buried as natural human bodies

spiritual bodies.

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? our physical bodies

21. (v. 15:51) What word does Paul use to describe the events he is about to discuss?
a wonderful secret.

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 will all be transformed!

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

24. (v. 15:52) What will announce the Lord's coming (compare 1 Thessalonians 4:16)?
a trumpet call
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25. (vs. 15:52-53) What will happen to the dead and those alive at the moment the trumpet sounds?
those who have died will be raised to live forever. The living will also be transformed.
our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.
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26. (v. 15:54) What will happen to death when we have been given resurrection bodies?
Death is swallowed up in victory
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27. (v. 15:56) What is the sting of death? sin
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28. (v. 15:57) Through whom do we have victory?
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
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29. (v. 15:58) What does Paul say about the value of our labor for the Lord?
nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.
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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?
To the churches in Galatia.
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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 each week
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3. (v. 16:2) How much money were the Corinthians to set aside?
a portion of the money you have earned.
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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.
He was coming to visit them after he had been to Macedonia,
He wanted to come and stay awhile,
5. (v. 16:7) What condition does Paul place on these plans being realized?
if the Lord will let me.
6. (vs. 16:8-9) Why did Paul want to go to Ephesus?
There was a wide-open door for a great work there
7. (vs 16:10-11) How should the Corinthians respond to a visit from Timothy?
They were not to intimidate him.
Send him on his way with your blessing
8. (vs. 16:13-14) What instructions does Paul give the Corinthians in these verses?
Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous.
Be strong. And do everything with love.
9. (v. 16:15) Whose household were the first converts (firstfruits) in Achaia (Greece)?
Stephanas
Read 1 Corinthians 1:16 and identify Paul's relationship to them.
he baptized them
10. (v. 16:19) In whose home did the church meet that sent greetings to the Corinthians?
Aquila and Priscilla

11. (v. 16:21) Who wrote down the final greetings of the letter? Paul

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?
they are cursed

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

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

let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed!
It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown.
when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever
we who are living will also be transformed.

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