

The Book of I Corinthians

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we are reading **1 Corinthians 15**, where Paul focuses on the important truth of the future resurrection of the body, which is a vital part "of the gospel [he] preached..." **Chapter 15** divides into three subsections. Read each subsection, answering for yourself the questions associated with them. Type out your answers or jot them down on a piece of paper and file your answers with your morning study.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

- What is Paul seeking to remind the Corinthians of in this chapter? (**15:1**).
- What are the three elements of the Gospel that Paul considered of "first importance"? (**15:3-4**).
- What does Paul say was the driving force behind the fact that he "worked harder than all of them"? (**15:10**).

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-34

- Paul's argument is that if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised (**15:12-13,16**). What does it mean for us as Christians if Christ was not raised from the dead? (**15:14,17-19**).
- How does Paul compare the fruit of Adam and the fruit of Christ? (**15:21-22**).
- What is "the last enemy to be destroyed" and what does this have to do with the resurrection of the body? (**15:26**).

Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

- What are the three illustrations Paul uses to describe the kind of resurrection body we will have? (**15:35-41**).
- What comparison does Paul make between our mortal bodies and our resurrection bodies? (**15:42-44**).
- When will death be "swallowed up in victory"? (**15:51-54**).
- What does Paul encourage us to do in the light of the resurrection? (**15:58**).

Memory Verse

But by the grace of God I am what I am,
and his grace to me was not without effect.
No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I,
but the grace of God that was with me.

1 Corinthians 15:10

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!