

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

I want to continue today in the study of **1 Corinthians, Chapter 15.**

In **verse 3**, we read . . . **how that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures;**

**4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.** How can we liken the resurrection in the Old Testament about the sign being Jonah, and where it is found, to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus?

Let's turn to the **Book of Genesis.** In **Genesis chapter 22:2**, we see how that God told Abraham to take his son, his only son, Isaac, whom he loved and to get into the land of Moriah, and offer him there for a sacrifice **upon one of the the mountains which I will tell thee of.** In **John chapter 3**, we read something rather similar.

**16 For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in [ trusts in, clings, to relies on) Him shall not not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.**

The word **perish** does not mean cessation of existence or of consciousness. It means the condition of every non-believer. Those words from the Amplified show the comparison of the position of

Abraham, who was being asked to take his son. This picture would foreshadow Jesus Christ as we find the illustration of death, burial and resurrection, according to the Scriptures.

**17 For God sent not the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him.**

**18 He who believes in Him [who clings to, trust in, relies on Him] is not judged [he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgement; for him there is no rejection, no condemnation –he incurs no damnation]: . . .** What a Gospel! Isn't that amazing? We do the judging; we do all the rejecting; we do all the condemning. but not our Lord! The finished work shows that we have been set free for this. It is Christ! It is Christ! He paid the price for all those things. In Christ now we see it is all about Him. Therefore, His love can be shed abroad in our hearts for the family of God. It goes on to say . . . **but he who does not believe (cleave to, rely on, trust in Him) is judged already . . .** Isn't that frightening? If you today are listening and you cannot really say, "I personally know Jesus Christ," you are already judged. For it goes on in the Word to say . . . **[he has already been convicted and has already received his sentence] . . .** Yes, God gives the unique opportunity for a life to receive Him. But, do you realize that when we say *no* in our hearts to Him, we have already received that judgment of death. He will not always knock and plead upon your

life. You have a moment, and perhaps you are at that point where you realize you better not put it off any more. For the Word of God goes on to say . . . **because he has not believed in and trusted in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [He is condemned for refusing to let his trust be in Christ's name.]**

I am crying unto God that as you hear this message, you will see you cannot wait until death to sort it out later; you sort it out right now! Oh, may that judgment not fall upon you, but may you receive Him. Do feel free to contact us anytime at the studio. Please do get in touch. We want to give you a book, *Your Quest for God*. We want to pray for you; we want to help you to come into Christ.

It goes on to say -

**19/ The [basis of the] judgment ([indictment, the test by which men are judged, the test by which men are judged, the ground for the sentence) lies in this: - listen carefully - the Light - that is Jesus - has come into the world, and people have loved the darkness rather than and more than the Light. . . and why did they do that? Because, the Scriptures says - . . . for their works (deeds) were evil.**

I cannot emphasize enough that if you are in Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit through you is that Christ Jesus, the only Soul Winner, would win souls through you. It is important that you go to that dying

neighbor or that person who has gone through that terrible time of violence or that person who has been subjected to such horror. In the Name of Jesus, you go and give them the blessed hope that is beyond what is happening in this life — that they might come into Christ, that they might be delivered. I remember the struggle of a man dying with AIDs years ago in East Africa. He died in Christ, radiant and believing for the future to be in our risen Lord Jesus. We praise Him for that work for you.

*Amen.*