

Hello! This is Dorothy -

1 Corinthians 15, beginning with **verse 20**, we read —

20 But the fact is . . . Oh, I love that! Have you ever been with somebody who goes on and on about something and then you simply say those three words: But the fact is! ***But the fact is that Christ (the Messiah) has been raised from the dead, and he became the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep [in death].***

21 For since [it was] through a man that death [came into the world, it is] also through a Man - *Jesus* - that the resurrection of the dead [has come].

22 For just as [because of their union of nature in Adam all people die, so also [by virtue of their union of nature] shall all in Christ be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. God is a God of order. God created the earth and is a God of order. God is a God of order when it comes to the resurrection.

The Amplified here says —

23 But each in his own rank and turn: Christ (the Messiah) [is] the firstfruits, then those who are Christ's [own will be resurrected] at His coming. Beyond the second coming, we have this marvelous declaration in **verse 24** —

24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God . . . Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. This is our Lord! This is the King of kings and Lord of lords!

You say, “What in the world is going on in the world right now?” I will tell you what is going on in the world right now. There is this short period of time in which the god of this world (spelled with a small g) is blinding and deceiving people and causing havoc because he hates every person on planet earth. Therefore, there are wars and troubles and problems, but this period of time is limited. The day is coming when our Lord comes. For it says —

24 Then cometh the end . . .

25 For he must reign, till. . . For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

“But,” you say, “you just said that the enemy of souls is kind of down here running things, so what is this about the Lord reigning?” I want you to know that the Lord God in heaven is well-aware of what is going on in every generation, every situation, every individual life. He is reigning. But He has given man this period of time to respond and personally receive Him; to count upon His resurrection power for that deliverance from self; and to be alive by His Spirit into Him to fulfill

the things that He wants to do through that available being.

Yes, He is reigning! He is reigning right now. He is reigning when everything seems to just go wild. Because we read in **Psalm 110** -

1 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion;- then it says - rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

6 . . . he shall wound the heads over many countries.

Yes, things are not going to get much better, I can assure you. They are going to get much worse on planet earth. There is a limited time that is quickly winding up here on planet earth. Things are going to a test as to where we stand in receiving Christ or denying Him. Are we willing to say, “My life will be in Christ and I see that there is a resurrection body and a life beyond this life. But even while I am here, it is the life of Christ through me that is going to reach others through my availability.”

Back to **1 Corinthians 15:**

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

27 For he - King Jesus - hath put all things under his feet.

Philippians 2: 9 Wherefore God hath high exalted him. . . the Lord Jesus - . . . and given him a name which is above every name. For Jesus said before His ascension, He said : **All authority has been given unto me in heaven and on earth.** He claimed exactly what

God was going to do.

For it goes on in **1 Corinthians 15** -

27 For He [the Father] has put all things in subjection under His [Christ's] feet. But when it says, All things are put in subjection [under Him], it is evident that He [Himself] is excepted Who does the subjecting of all things to Him. You have to understand the power of Almighty God, the power invested in Jesus Christ. For we read in **Ephesians 1:22** -

22 Thou hast put all things under his feet. . . Scripture clearly shows God has a programme. He is working out that programme for mankind. It shows He rose, but it also shows there is going to be a resurrection as He is coming for His own. He is coming soon for those who have put their faith in Him, their total trust in Him.

Will you do that today? Will you say, *Lord, I am coming just as I am. I am receiving You, Lord Jesus, into my heart and life. Just as I am. And You are that life; You are that resurrection. You bought me with Your precious Blood.* I want you to do that and I want you to say that prayer. And I want you to write and ask for *Your Quest for God.* We are praying for you.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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