

**Outline of  
the Messages for the Full-time Training  
in the Fall Term of 2023**

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**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES—  
FIRST CORINTHIANS**

Message Sixteen

**Resurrection—the Life Pulse  
and the Lifeline of the Divine Economy**

Scripture Reading: John 11:25; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Acts 2:24; Rom. 4:17; 6:5

- I. God's economy, the divine economy, is God's household administration to dispense the divine riches of the Triune God as life and life supply into His chosen and redeemed people—Eph. 1:10; 3:9; 1 Tim. 1:4:**
  - A. Resurrection is the life pulse and the lifeline of the divine economy—John 11:25.
  - B. If there were no resurrection, God's New Testament economy would altogether collapse and God's eternal purpose would be nullified.
- II. Resurrection is life that overcomes death without being damaged or injured by death—v. 25; Rev. 1:17b-18; 2:8:**
  - A. Death is powerless to do anything with resurrection—Acts 2:24.
  - B. Death can inflict all kinds of damage on other forms of life; only one kind of life cannot be hurt by death, and this is resurrection life—John 11:25:
    1. Resurrection is life that passes through death and cannot be held by it.
    2. According to the full revelation in the Scriptures, God Himself is the resurrection life—Rom. 4:17.
- III. The principle of resurrection is that the natural life is killed and that the divine life rises up in its place—2 Cor. 1:9:**
  - A. To be in resurrection means that our natural life is crucified and that the God-created part of our being is uplifted in resurrection to be one with Christ in resurrection—Rom. 6:4-6.
  - B. Resurrection means that no event or circumstance can cause us, who have the resurrection life of Christ, to be held down—2 Cor. 1:8-9; 4:14.
  - C. When we do not live by our natural life but live by the divine life within us, we are in resurrection—John 6:57; Rom. 8:1.
- IV. Christ Himself is resurrection—John 11:25:**
  - A. "I am the First and the Last and the living One; and I became dead, and behold, I am living forever and ever; and I have the keys of death and of Hades"—Rev. 1:17b-18:
    1. Because of the fall, death came in and is now working to gather everyone into Hades.

2. The keys of death and of Hades are in the hand of our Savior, who died and was resurrected—v. 18.
- B. “These things says the First and the Last, who became dead and lived again”—2:8:
1. *Lived again* refers to resurrection.
  2. The Lord suffered death and lived again; He entered into death, but death could not hold Him because He is the resurrection—Acts 2:24; John 11:25.
  3. Christ went into Hades, passed through death, overcame death, and came out of death triumphantly; this is resurrection.
- C. Christ’s resurrection declares that He is victorious over death, Satan, Hades, and the grave—Acts 2:24, 32; 3:15; 4:10; 5:30; 10:40; 13:34, 37.
- V. In order to experience the resurrection life of Christ, we need to see that in resurrection Christ became the life-giving Spirit—1 Cor. 15:45b:**
- A. The reality of resurrection is Christ as the life-giving Spirit—v. 45b.
  - B. Christ’s resurrection is a matter absolutely related to life, for in resurrection He became the life-giving Spirit, the Spirit who imparts life—v. 45b.
  - C. The germinating element of the new creation is the resurrected Christ as the life-giving Spirit—2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15.
  - D. Christ’s resurrection was His transfiguration into the life-giving Spirit in order to enter into His believers—1 Cor. 15:45b.
- VI. Our natural constitution, strength, and ability need to be dealt with by the cross to become useful in resurrection for our service to the Lord—Phil. 3:3:**
- A. Our dealing with the natural constitution is so that our inherent ability, capability, wisdom, and cleverness may pass through the death of the cross, become resurrected, and thereby become acceptable and useful to God—Gal. 2:20.
  - B. Natural capability, unless broken, is a hindrance to God; it must be broken, and it must pass through death and be resurrected so that it may be used by God:
    1. Those who are usable in the hand of God are those who are capable yet whose capability has been broken—Mark 14:3.
    2. The brokenness and putting to death by the cross is not the final step; the real death of the cross always brings in resurrection—Rom. 6:5.
- VII. It is by the power of Christ’s resurrection that we are conformed to the mold of Christ’s death—Phil. 3:10; John 11:25:**
- A. The power of Christ’s resurrection is the resurrection life that resurrected Him from the dead—Acts 2:24; Eph. 1:19-22.
  - B. We first receive the power of Christ’s resurrection, and then through this power, we live a crucified life by taking the death of Christ as the mold of our living—Phil. 3:10.
  - C. In our experience the sequence is resurrection, death, and resurrection—vv. 10-11.
  - D. The reality of the Body of Christ is a corporate living of conformity to the death of Christ by the power of the resurrection of Christ—Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 12:27.