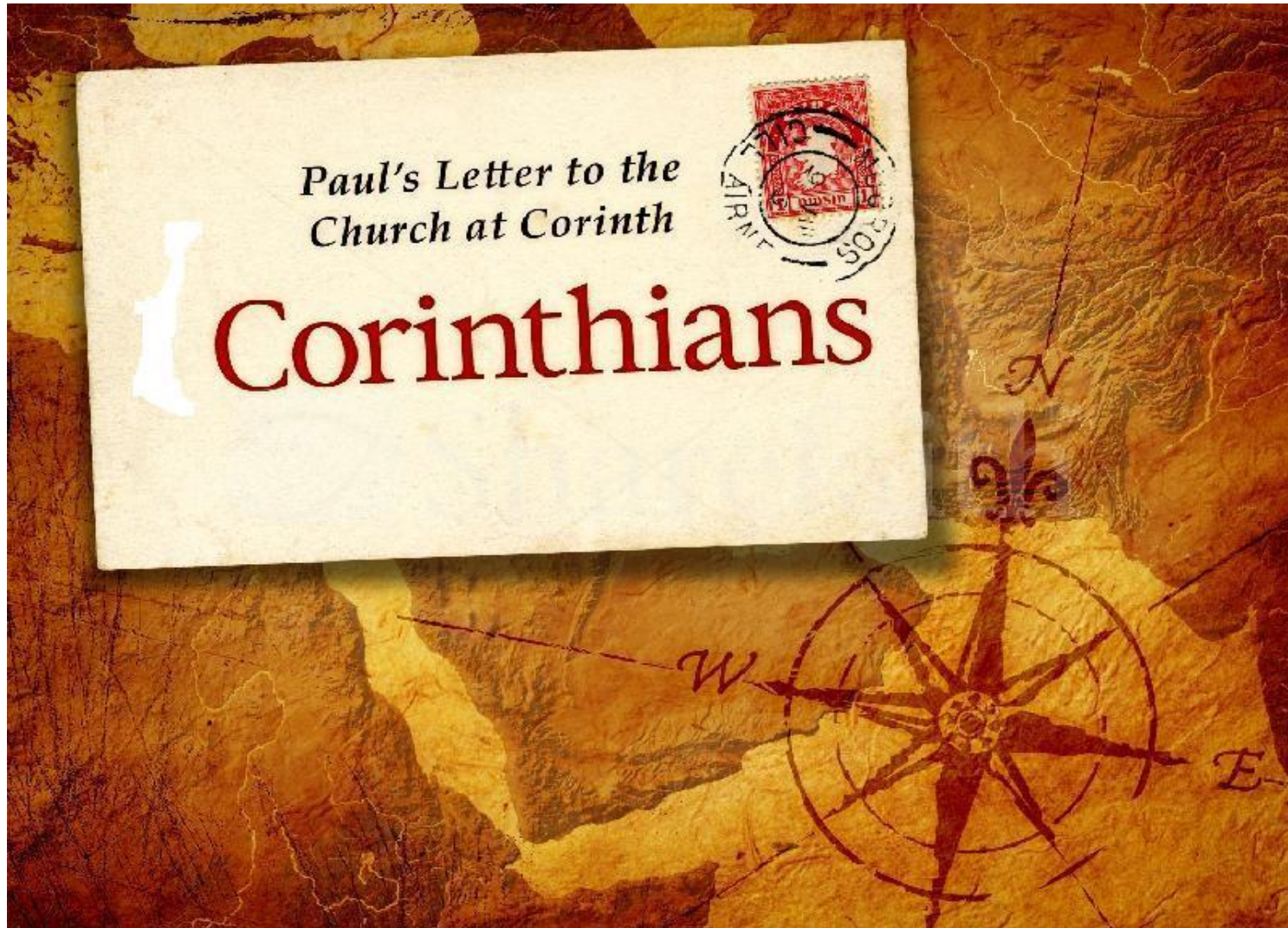


1 Cor.15:25-28 Operation Footstool



Outline *

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²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

so also

in (the) Christ

- the idea here is those “in a living union” with Christ
- **all** - all believers who have put their faith in the person and work of Christ

will be made alive – zōopoieō - cause to live, quicken
[from zōē, "life," and poieō, "to make"]
(future, indicative, passive)

- by Christ, who also is the bestower of resurrection life
- John 5:21b the Son also gives life to whom He wishes
- Therefore our resurrection will be a human resurrection, not some "spiritual" type of resurrection. Physical resurrection is as inevitable for the son of Jesus Christ as physical death is for the son of Adam.

²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming,

verse 23 starts the execution of God's resurrection program

But each [everyone in Christ] in his own order:

order - *tagma* - that which has been arranged in order;
is a military term used of ranks of soldiers

- It shows that there is a marching order for the resurrection of the dead. McCalley

Christ the first fruits (1st event)

- Paul's idea was that Christ was the first rank and experienced resurrection. Constable
- Christ is the commencement; after that is the continuation and then is the culmination. The culmination restores perfect order to the universe. McCalley

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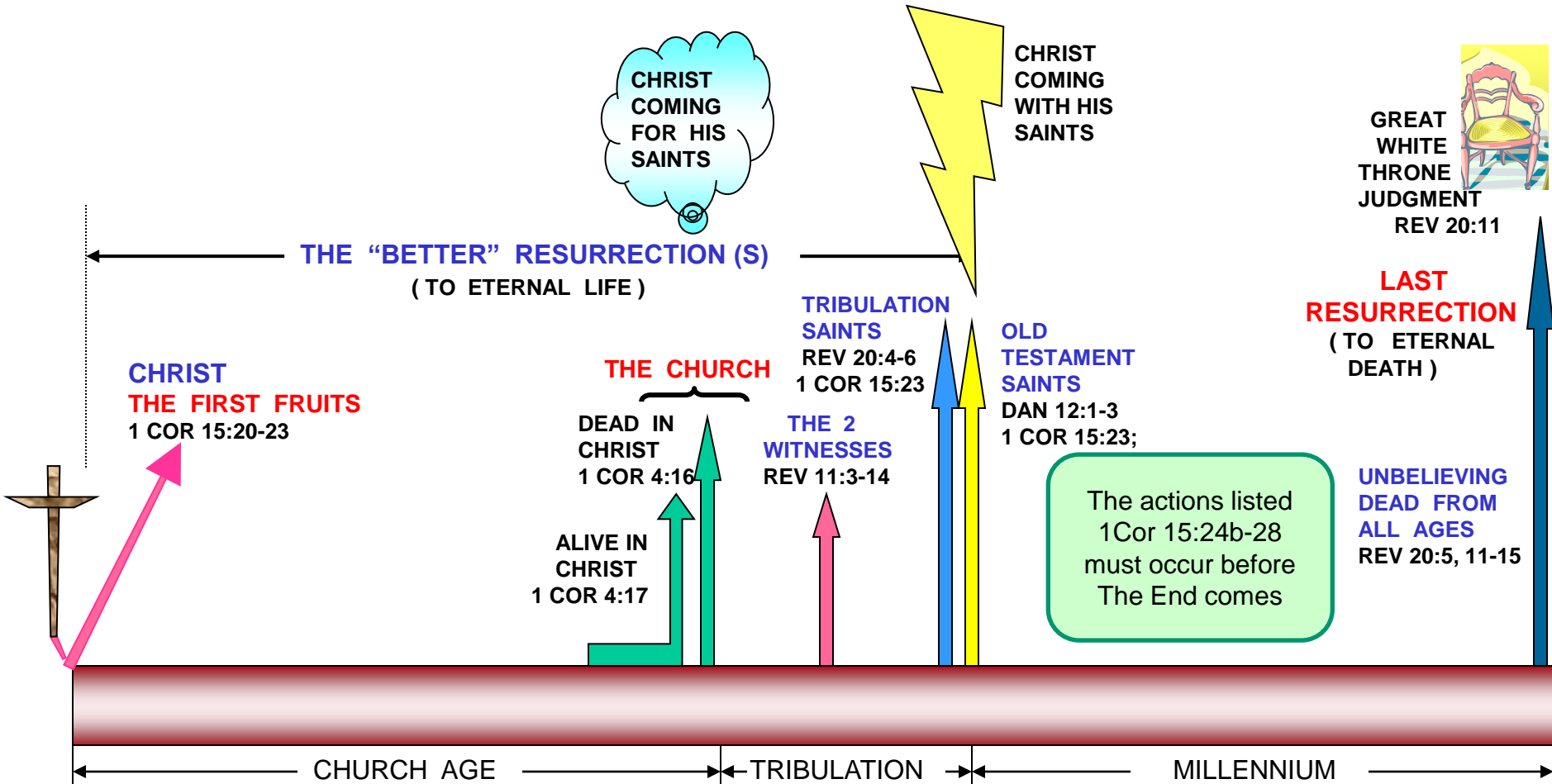
after that - lit: afterward (2nd event)

those who are (lit: the one's of) Christ's at His coming (*parousia* – arrival and presence with)

this is coming of Christ for His saints (the rapture)

- 1 Thess 4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout,
- with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God,
- and the dead in Christ will rise first.
- ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air,
- and so we shall always be with the Lord.

THE RESURRECTIONS



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²⁴ then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

then - *eita* - after an interval of order and succession

comes

the end – *telos* – the end of a series of events – the goal

- “the end refers” to the last resurrection - Chafer
- The series of events before “the end” are given verses 24b to 28.
- These events are the final work of Jesus Christ.

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- These events have been called “operation footstool.”

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²⁴ then *comes* the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

1st action in the series:

when – lit: whenever [what follows must occur before the end can come]

subject: **He** [Christ]

verb: **hands over** - *paradidōmi* - to deliver over
subjunctive mood – it hasn't happened yet but it is going to happen

dir. object: **the kingdom** **to the God and Father**

- kingdom – the kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth in the Millennium
- God is ruling through a mediator: Jesus Christ.

²⁴ then *comes* the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

2nd action in the series:

when – lit: whenever [what follows must occur before the end can come]

subject: **He** [Christ]

verb: **has abolished** - *katargeō* – to render inoperative

- Rom 6:6b that our old self [man] was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with

- Heb 2:14b He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.

all rule - any kind of rule [all = none excluded]

all authority - this is authority behind the rule

power - stands for persons in authority, the powerful ones

Today's Verses



25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

27 For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him.

28 When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.

25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.



3rd action in the series:

subject: He [Christ]

verb: must reign [as King]

modifier: until [followed by the subjunctive mood implying uncertainty]

He [Christ] has put - *tithēmi* - to set, put, place, lay
subjunctive mood – it hasn't happened yet but it is going to happen

all His enemies under His feet

- the complete domination of Jesus Christ over the enemies of God
- this is expressed by the word reign

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²⁵ For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.



Jesus Christ [the Messiah] universal dominion

Luke 1:31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

³² "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

Psalm 110:1 The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

Psalm 110:5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath. ⁶ He will judge among the nations, He will fill them with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country.

26 The last enemy that will be abolished *is* death.



4th action in the series:

The last enemy death being abolished Interlinear

complete subject: the last enemy death

verb: being abolished - *katargeō* – to render inoperative
(present, indicative, passive)

- death is receiving the action of the verb
- the idea here is physical death*
- death is an active enemy of man who is not in Christ*
- man does not have a second chance after death*
- until physical death comes there is still hope*
- death is not an enemy of those in Christ * Merryman
- 1 Corinthians 15:55 "O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"
- Rev 20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.¹³

27 For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him.



Now Paul's gives his logic of about the previous statements

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For He has put all things in subjection under His feet.

For all things He [the Father] subjected under the feet of Him [Christ] Interlinear

subjected - *hypotassō* - primarily a military term, "to rank under" (aorist, indicative, active)

Paul saw Jesus Christ as the person who fulfilled the prophecy recorded in Psalm 8. In the psalm the ruler in view is man, but He will be the Man who regained for humanity all that Adam lost.

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27 For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him.



But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He [the Father] is excepted [or excluded] who put all things in subjection to Him [Christ].

- Of course, God Himself will not be under the rule of the Son of God.
- He is the One who will finally bring all things into subjection to Christ.

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overall idea: The Father has put all things under Christ's feet.



28 When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.

when – lit: whenever [what follows must occur before the end can come]

all things are subjected to Him [the Son]

then - tote - a demonstrative adverb of time, denoting "at that time"

the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One [the Father] **who subjected all things to Him** [the Son]

- This is a voluntary subjection of the Son to the Father's plan.

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28 When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.



The Triune God can be thought of as follows: Merryman

- God the Father is the planner.
- God the Son is the executer of the plan.
- God the Holy Spirit is the revealer of the plan.

so that – with a purpose that

[The Triune] **God may be all in all.**

all – *pas* – everything with no exception

- God may be all in all [be everything to everyone, supreme, the indwelling and controlling factor of life].

Amplified

Final Thoughts



- Finally God will be the head of everything.
 - The earthly millennial kingdom will end and everything will merge into the eternal kingdom of God.
 - Christ will be submissive to His Father forever.
 - This is the central passage that affirms the eternal functional subordination of the Son to the Father.
 - The Resurrection set in motion a chain of events that will ultimately culminate in the death of death.
 - Then God will resume being what He was before creation, “all in all.”
- Constable