

CHAPTER 15.

³ By Christ's resurrection, ¹² he proveth the necessity of our resurrection. ³⁵ The manner thereof.

MOREOVER, brethren, I declare unto you ⁹ the gospel ⁷ which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and ⁸ wherein ye stand;

² By which also ye are ¹ saved, if ye ³ keep in memory ³ what I preached unto you, ⁴ unless ye have believed in vain.

¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

²⁰ But now ^h is Christ risen from the dead, *and* ^z become the firstfruits of them that slept.

²¹ For ^m since by man *came* death, ⁿ by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

²² For ^o as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

²³ But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; ⁷ afterward they that are Christ's ⁹ at his coming.

⁴² ^k So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in ^l corruption; it is raised in ⁿ incorruption:

⁴³ ^o It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a ⁹ natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

⁴⁵ And so it is written, ^r The first man Adam was made a living soul; ^s the last Adam *was made* ^t a quickening spirit.

⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that ^a flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth ^b corruption inherit incorruption.

⁵¹ Behold, I shew you a mystery; ^c We shall not all sleep, but ^d we shall all be changed,

⁵² In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for ^f the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and ^g this mortal *must* put on immortality.

⁵⁴ So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, ^h Death is swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵ ⁱ O death, where *is* thy sting? O ² grave, where *is* thy victory?

⁵⁶ The sting of death *is* sin; and ^m the strength of sin *is* the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us ^p the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.