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In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul mentions death more times than he mentions the resurrection. Why? The theology behind this concept is that teaching about an enormous victory is authenticated by how much power and authority has been exercised over one's enemy, who, in this case, is the devil and death itself.

PAUL'S DISSERTATION PENNED IN 1 CORINTHIANS 15:

1 Cor. 15:12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the **dead**, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the **dead**?

Acts 23:8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

2 Tim. 2:18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

1 Cor. 15:13 But if there be no resurrection of the **dead**, then is Christ not risen.

1 Thes. 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1 Cor. 15:15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the **dead** rise not.

Acts 2:24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

1 Cor. 15:16 For if the **dead** rise not, then Christ is not raised.

1 Cor. 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the **dead**, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

2 Tim. 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel.

1 Pet. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Cor. 15:21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the **dead**.

Rom. 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Cor. 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Acts 26:23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

1 Cor. 15:29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the **dead**, if the **dead** rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the **dead**?

1 Cor. 15:32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the **dead** rise not? Let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die.

1 Cor. 1:8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life.

1 Cor. 15:35 But some man will say, how are the **dead** raised up? And with what body do they come?

Ezek. 37:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest.

1 Cor. 15:42 So also is this the resurrection of the **dead**. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption.

1 Cor. 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the **dead** shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Matt. 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

1 Thes. 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Isa. 27:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Zech. 9:14 And the Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

Resurrection According to the Scriptures

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Now, Paul reminded the believers at Corinth what they had been taught; the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified for their sins. According to the Scriptures, He was buried and raised again on the third day and was observed by up to five hundred people at once, most of whom were still living at the time of Paul's letter. Therefore, anyone doubting the truth of the resurrection needed only to hear the testimonies of those who were eyewitnesses of the resurrected Christ.

PAUL'S DISSERTATION (PART 2):

1 Cor. 15:6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

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

1 Cor. 15:14 If Christ has not been raised, then preaching the gospel is meaningless, and faith is futile.

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Gal. 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.

Heb. 5:1 For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for our sins.

1 Pet. 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Isa. 53:2-5 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isa. 53:9-10 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief; when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper his hand.

Dan. 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people

of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Zech. 13:7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

1 Pet. 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

In **1 Cor. 15:20**, Paul writes, "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." Christ really has been raised from the dead, and the proof is that we ourselves will be raised if we are joined to Him in saving faith. Paul is talking about both Christ's and our own resurrection.

Hos. 6:2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

Matt. 12:40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

John 2:22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

Luke 24:26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

John 20:26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.