

**“Because He Lives”
(Part I)**

I Corinthians 15:12-16

1. A Guaranteed Resurrection (vs. 12-13, 20-22)

What Does the Resurrection Accomplish?

- Peter verified this (Acts 2:22-23, 31-32).
- Paul verified this (Rom 1:1-4).
- John verified this (II John 7; Rev 1:17-18).

Jesus as Man

*For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,*

Job 19:25-26

*As for me,
I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake,
I shall be satisfied with your likeness.*

Psalm 17:15

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Daniel 12:2-3

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:44

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

John 11:25

“All of the deductions which Paul has knit so tightly he now unravels with one motion. All of them are false because the original proposition is false. They collapse like a house of cards when the breath of truth is blown upon them. The exact opposite of all these dreadful deductions is truth. And more, infinitely more, is true – because Christ has been raised from the dead.”



R.C.H. Lenski

“Does it not strike you that very many events of the greatest importance in history, and commonly believed, could not in the nature of things have been witnessed by one-tenth as many as the resurrection of Christ? The signing of famous treaties affecting nations – the birth of princes – the remarks of cabinet ministers – the projects of conspirators – and the deeds of assassins – any and all of these have been made turning points in history, and are never questions as facts, and yet but few could have been present to witness them.”

Charles Spurgeon

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest, and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. And on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering to the LORD.

Leviticus 23:9-12

¹³ And the grain offering with it shall be two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, a food offering to the LORD with a pleasing aroma, and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, a fourth of a hin. ¹⁴ And you shall eat neither bread nor grain parched or fresh until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Leviticus 23:13-14

Adam	Jesus
Both represent humanity before God.	
Because of his sin, Adam's representation brought death.	Because of His perfection, Christ's representation brings life.
Because of Adam's sin, we will all die.	Because of Christ's death and resurrection, we will all be given the privilege of being resurrected to eternal life.

- “designating an action or word or thing to another person”
- Theologically – sin and death designed (or imputed) to us from Adam and life imputed to us by Christ

What is Imputation?

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

Romans 5:12-14

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

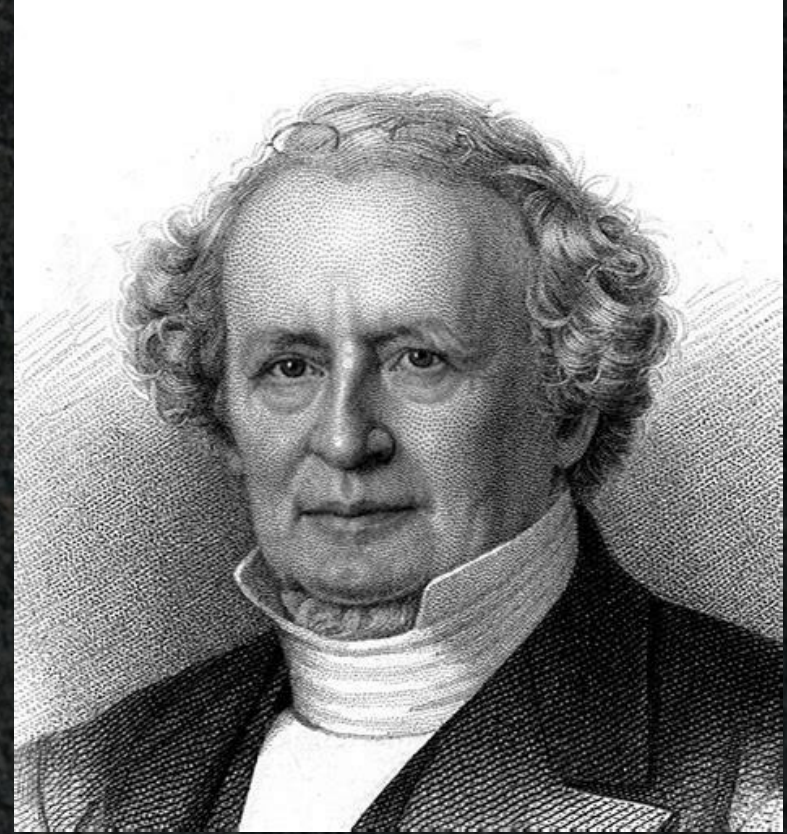
Romans 5:15-17

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

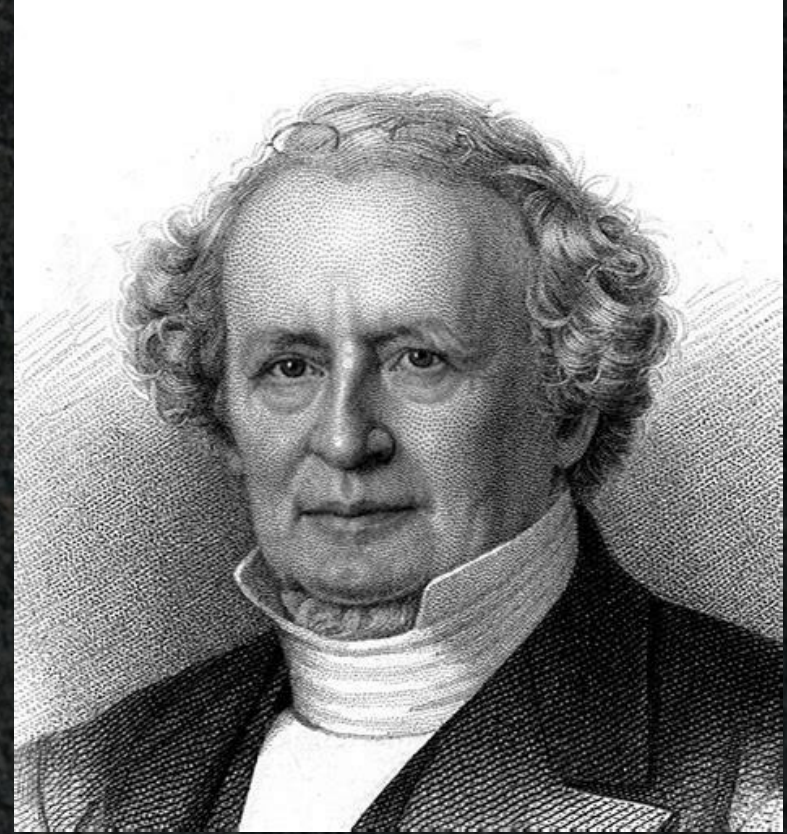
Romans 5:18-21

“We die by means of Adam, because we are in Adam; and we live by means of Christ, because we are in Christ. Union with Adam is the cause of death; union with Christ is the cause of life. ... We are in Adam because he was our head and representative and because we share his nature. And we are in Christ because he is our head and representative and because we share his nature through the indwelling of his Spirit. ...



Charles Hodge

... Adam, therefore, is the cause of death because his sin is the judicial ground of our condemnation and because we derive from him a corrupt and enfeebled nature. Christ is the cause of life because his righteousness is the judicial ground of our justification and because we derive from him the Holy Spirit, who is the source of life both to the soul and body.”



Charles Hodge

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2. A Precious Faith (vs. 14-16)

What Does the Resurrection Accomplish?

“Not simply as having some mixture of falsehood, but as being altogether an empty fallacy. For what remains if Christ has been swallowed up by death – if he has become extinct – if he has been overwhelmed by the curse of sin – if, in fine, he has been overcome by Satan? In short, if that fundamental article is subverted, all that remains will be of no moment.”



John Calvin