

1 Cor 15:20-23

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ, shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits, then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 8:5-11

A Reading from the Book of Romans

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 4:14—5:1

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the
Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Knowing that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise
us
also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in
abundance on more and more people may cause the
thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our
outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed
day by day.

For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an
eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look
not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is
transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be
destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not
made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:1,6-10

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word Of The Lord

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet."

But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.
The Word of the Lord.

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The Word of The Lord

A reading from the book of

ECCLESIASTES 3" 1- 15

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

What advantage has the worker from his toil?

I have considered the task which God has appointed for men
to be busied about.

He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put
the timeless into their hearts, without anyone ever
discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God
has done.

I recognized that there is nothing better than to be glad and
to do well during life.

For everyone, to enjoy the fruits of all his labor is a gift of
God.

I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever;
there is no adding to it, or taking from it. Thus has God
done that he may be revered.

What now is has already been; what is to be, already is; and
God restores what would otherwise be displaced.

The Word of the Lord !

ROMANS: 8:35; 37-39

A reading from the book of Romans

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

REVELATIONS: 21: 1-7

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATIONS.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, write: for these words are true and faithful.

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning, and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (I Cor 13: 4-13)

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated,

it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,

it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

For we know partially and we prophesy partially,

but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things.

At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.

So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.