

The Death of Our Last Enemy

1 Corinthians 15:20-29 / Sunday, April 15th

- 1.) In ancient Greece, the term “first fruits” was used in reference to an “_____”. In the OT scriptures it referred to a sacred _____ unto The Lord. (The feast of First fruits)
- 2.) The offering at **the Feast of First fruits** was a bloodless grain offering (Leviticus 2). No atoning sacrifice was necessary, because the Passover lamb had just been sacrificed. This corresponds perfectly with the resurrection of Jesus, because His death ended the need for _____ sacrifice, having provided a perfect and complete atonement.
- 3.) The resurrection of Jesus is also the First fruits of _____ resurrection in the sense that He is our “entrance fee” to resurrection. Jesus paid our admission to the resurrection!
- 4.) Today, some are told to embrace death as a friend, but that is not Biblical thinking. Death is a _____ enemy because of the work of Jesus, an enemy that will one day be destroyed, and therefore an enemy we need not _____. But death is an enemy nonetheless. – Guzik
- 5.) Simply put, God the Father will always be God the *Father*, and God the Son will always be God the *Son*, and for all eternity they will _____ to relate to each other as *Father* and *Son*. - Guzik

Notes: _____

Growth Group Worksheet

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) What has been the theme of this chapter so far? (1Cor 15)
- 2.) What are the key points of verses 1-19? Discuss.
- 3.) What is your understanding of Christ becoming the First fruits? (V:20)
- 4.) Read 1Corinthians 15:21-22 and Romans 5:12-21. What is Paul’s point of this reasoning?
- 5.) Read 1Corinthians 15:24-28. Discuss the authority structure within the Godhead according to this text. Also see 1Cor 11:3. Does this go against the doctrine of the deity of Christ? Discuss.
- 6.) Is there anything in today’s text that troubles or confuses you? Discuss.