



Submitting Everything to God

Lesson 13 • 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

The EXALTED LORD JESUS CHRIST in HIS ASCENSION								
GLORIFICATION	SESSION	PROCESSION	INTERCESSION	DIRECTION	PREPARATION	CONSECRATION	REVELATION	SUBMISSION
Final Adam <i>Shines in God's Presence</i>	Eternal King <i>Sits at His Right Hand</i>	Pivotal Prophet <i>Sends the Holy Spirit</i>	Royal Priest <i>Saves to the Uttermost</i>	Sacrificial Head <i>Shepherds the Church</i>	Exceptional Host <i>Secures Our Home</i>	Essential Judge <i>Sanctifies His Churches</i>	Loyal Warrior <i>Subdues His Enemies</i>	Ideal Son <i>Submits Everything to Father</i>
<p><i>The Glorified God-Man Fulfills the Three Offices of Messiah in the Mystery of the Church Until His Kingdom Comes and He Conquers All to Submit Himself and All Things to the Father, So That God Is All in All!</i></p>								

Ascension Question: What is the ultimate **GOAL** of the ascension?

*Once the exalted Lord has descended again to subdue all His enemies under His feet, He will **SUBMIT** everything – including Himself – to the Father so God is all in all!*

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Overview of the Context

(15:1-2) **BELIEVING** in the **bodily resurrection** of Christ and those who die in Christ is a **gospel essential** for salvation.

(15:3-11) **HOLDING FAST** to this **gospel essential** is of **first importance**.

(15:12-19) **DENYING** this **gospel essential** of a bodily resurrection of all believers has a **doctrinal domino effect**.

- 1) Then Christ is **not risen**. (vv. 12-13, 16)
- 2) Then the gospel message is **powerless**. (v. 14a)
- 3) Then our faith is **pointless**. (v. 14b)
- 4) Then the witness of the Apostles is **all lies**. (v. 15)
- 5) Then our sins are **not forgiven**. (vv. 16-17)
- 6) Then our dead loved ones are **rotting corpses** that we will **never again see, hug, and love**. (v. 18)
- 7) Then our lives as Christ followers are the **most miserable** if we have no hope of a future bodily resurrection. (v. 19)

(15:20) **AFFIRMING** the hope of our future bodily resurrection means declaring this good news with joyful confidence!

Christ's bodily resurrection **SETS IN MOTION** the fulfillment of God's ultimate goal for all of history! (15:20-28)

Understanding the Ultimate Goal of History

1. **WHAT** Is the Ultimate Goal of All History?

What do you think is the ultimate goal of all of history? How would you explain it to someone else? How does 1 Corinthians 15:24-28 help you answer this question?

➤ The ultimate goal of all of history is **not**...

➤ The ultimate goal of all history **is**...

1. God's kingdom **finally COMES** to the Old Creation. *Matthew 6:9-10*

2. God's promises **completely FULFILLED** in the New Creation. *Revelation 20:1-8; 22 1-5*

"But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells." 2 Peter 3:13

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,'" Revelation 21:3

3. God's authority is **ALL IN ALL** for His glory and the good of His people! *1 Corinthians 15:28; Romans 11:36*

"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen." Romans 11:36

- Paul keeps **APPLYING** the ultimate purpose of all history to the Corinthian's walk and worship.

1. **POINT** to God's glory in all that you do.

1 Corinthians 2:8-9; 6:20; 10:31; 11:7-10; 15:40-42

2. **PRACTICE** Christ's headship and submission in the church and home.

1 Corinthians 11:2-16; 14:32-34; 16:16; cf. Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 18-25; 1 Peter 3:1-7

What Is Paul Trying to Get Across to the Corinthians and to Us?

*The ultimate goal of all history is all things being **SUBMITTED** to Him for His glory and our good!*

2. HOW Is the Ultimate Goal of God "Being All in All" Going to Be Fulfilled?

- Christ's **HEADSHIP** over all things. *(15:25-27)*

1. Christ's headship is a "Now-Not Yet" **REALITY**. *Hebrews 2:5-9*

2. Christ's headship is progressively fulfilled in **HISTORY**. *Acts 1:6-11; 2:29-35; Ephesians 1:18-23; Revelation 19:1-22:5*

- Christ's **SUBMISSION** of Himself and all things to God. *(15:24, 28)*

1. Christ's submission is **VOLUNTARY**. *(15:24)*

2. Christ's submission is **NECESSARY**. *(15:28)*

God's Ultimate Goal for History Can Be Progressively Fulfilled in Our Lives Right Now.

- Pray for God's ultimate goal to be fulfilled in this world, in your life, and in the lives of others.

Pray, then, in this way:

"Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. 'Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen]. Matthew 6:9-13

- Persevere in submitting to God's ultimate goal in all things.

In all things...in your moral purity, in your marriage or singleness, in your worship and ministry here at church, in your eating, drinking, parenting, working...in everything you do!

- Submit your worldview to God's ultimate goal for all of history.

"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

"Your Kingdom come; Your will be done in my heart...my mind...my soul...my body as it is in heaven!"

The Ideal Son Is Head Over All Things and Will One Day Soon Submit All Things to God the Father!

LOOK UP to the Ideal Son and **LIVE OUT** His message and mission for He models both headship authority and humble submission in all things for God's glory and our good.