

Dear Furtherance Supporters and Prayer Warriors:

I am doing my devotions on I Corinthians and have arrived at Chapter 15 which I entitled, **“An Inquest into the Resurrection.”**

Christianity is not built on emotion or tradition, but on a historical fact. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul lays out the evidence like a courtroom inquest. I was involved in an inquest one time. An inquest is held when there may be doubt cast upon a death or something about that death which appears suspicious. At the Inquest where I gave testimony, there was a judge, lawyers, witnesses and a lot of evidence. Every detail of the case was examined. After the evidence was presented, a verdict was rendered.

In this portion, some of the people in Corinth were casting doubt on the resurrection. I Corinthians chapter 15 is a complete chapter to give evidence of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Like Paul, the murderer, may the evidence of this chapter bring us face-to-face with Jesus like it did for Paul.

The gospel he received, delivered, and preached is simple and unchanging:

Christ died for our sins - according to the Scriptures.

He was buried - because He truly died.

He rose again - and was seen by many witnesses.

Peter saw Him. The **apostles** saw Him. Over **500 believers** saw Him. Paul, once Christ's enemy, saw Him. And today, the **Holy Spirit** who indwells the believer quietly confirms that Jesus lives.

The inquest in which I was involved called 12 witnesses. The judge said this, *“If there is no evidence which differs from what I've already heard so far, there is enough evidence to declare a verdict.”* More than 500 people saw the risen Christ. That is a lot of evidence.

- A dead Christ could only provoke sympathy.
- A risen Christ produces transformation.
- Your faith is not in a distorted rumor.
- Your hope is not in some aged, mangled myth.
- Your Savior is alive.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,

Because He lives, all fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

Bill and Gloria Gaither

“So we preach, and so ye believed.” 1 Corinthians 15:11

News

- Theresa and I have tried to get some rest. We did not get the time off we desired. Some of that was due to me getting some medical attention. I had doctor's appointments every week. At the moment, we have not discovered anything life threatening. We have some things to monitor in six months

time. Other things to monitor for two weeks. Doctors want me to adhere to a healthy diet and step up my exercise program. The burn out was a bit more serious this time. I believe I am suffering from Calenderitis. I am getting old. The calendar has agreed with me without any needle jabs or blood work.

- More land has been purchased in Africa. We will introduce cows and goats to this property. Cows will cost us \$1300 and each goat is \$350 Canadian.
- We are planning to be back in Africa in August. The exact dates are not finalized. We are presently looking at August 4th departure for two weeks. Many factors could change this. A war in the area, unrest in the country or serious health issues.

Thank you all for supporting us through your prayers and your financial giving. You are the best.

Keeping on Keeping on for Christ,

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