

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

{Sunday, October 22, 2017 A.D.}

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. . . .

. . . ²¹ . . . God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. . . .

1 Corinthians 2:2-5

² For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. . . . ⁵ so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, . . .

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. ¹¹ Whether then *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;

¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then

our preaching is vain,

your faith also is vain.

¹⁵ Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.

¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁷ and

if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

¹⁹ If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

²⁰ But now Christ has been raised from the dead,

the first fruits of those who are asleep.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

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Q. 71. Where has Christ promised that we are as certainly washed with His blood and Spirit as with the water of Baptism?

A. In the institution of Baptism, which runs thus: Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

This promise is also repeated where the Scripture calls Baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins.

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