

The Firstfruit Out from among Dead Ones

(1 Cor. 15:20, 23)

- Concepts and their meaning in historical context.
- Examples.
- The firstfruits of the Old Testament (Lev. 23:10; Num. 18:13-15; Prov. 3:9-10).
- Consecrated, payed for, indication of the crop's quality to come.

Christ as Firstfruit

1. Firstfruit of those out from among dead ones (1 Cor. 15:20).
 - a) Firstfruit relating to the first type of resurrection (Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:28-29).
 - b) Firstfruit of the order of resurrections (1 Cor. 15:23).
 - c) In contrast to the end resurrection (1 Cor. 15:24).
2. Believers are to connect Christ's resurrection to our resurrection (1 Cor. 15:12-14); not vain-empty.
3. Believers are to connect Christ's resurrection to our sins being forgiven (1 Cor. 15:17); not vain-worthless, useless, ineffective.
4. Without Christ's resurrection there is not a Gospel for salvation (2 Tim. 2:8).