

# Everyone's Truth

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1 Corinthians 15:4 (ESV)

Jesus was buried, HE was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

**Truth: my truth, your truth, everything is relative. This is the world's thinking at this time. This leads people to aggressively attack God's truth with their human manipulated truth. This leads to all sorts of foolishness and moral decay. However, some truth is even hard for the deceived to distort. Of course, one can be so deceived they will jump out of a 50-story building believing they can fly. **Other than that, certain things must be acknowledged as true.** For example, Linda is my wife; this is a chair; Jesus died was buried and arose. We say, but people don't believe that. True, people may not believe Linda is not my wife, but the evidence proves otherwise. Some people may not believe this is a chair, but the evidence proves otherwise. Likewise, people don't believe Jesus died was buried and rose, but the facts prove otherwise. Plus, when Jesus returns, the resurrection will be confirmed. The resurrection is the single fact that discounts all other religions and undermines worldly humanism. Granted people who have erroneous information, who aren't interested in the facts, who are deceived by the devil, don't care. However, when Jesus returns the fact will be clear like it or not. Thus, it becomes "Everyone's Truth". But even now for those who are interested, the historical evidence for Jesus' death and resurrection are voluminous. We can encourage unbelievers to ponder this truth. However, for us Jesus' resurrection reveals another great truth! We also will be resurrected!**

1 Corinthians 15:51–52 (ESV)

<sup>51</sup> Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

**Jesus will return, and the dead will be resurrected and the ones still alive will be changed in the twinkling of an eye. Paul very much looked forward to this.**

Philippians 1:21–23 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

**Death is not the end. Death is a door we pass through to be with Christ. Based on Jesus' resurrection, the undeniable truth is that we also will be caught up to heaven and spend eternity with Jesus. **The dead and the living will be caught up!****

1 Thessalonians 4:13–15 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

## **Jesus' return makes this everyone's truth!**

1 Thessalonians 4:16 (ESV)

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

**The dead will be raised first. However, it is clear that the living also will be caught up into heaven. We know this as the rapture. God will rapture up HIS church.**

1 Thessalonians 4:17 (ESV)

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

**The Bible gives us examples of what this will look like.**

Matthew 24:41–42 (ESV)

Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

**At the time of the rapture, the world is in deep trouble, because the church which is the temple of the Holy Spirit is also the restraining force against evil. **When the church is removed, evil will run wild.****

**Even today as the church becomes ineffective or retreats, its restraining power against evil is diminished and Satan becomes bolder. Evil is at work now. However, the church, the Holy Spirit is restraining Satan.**

2 Thessalonians 2:6–8 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> And you know what is restraining him now (the Holy Spirit) so that he (the lawless one) may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup> **For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work.** Only he who now restrains it (the Holy Spirit) will do so until he (the Holy Spirit) is out of the way. <sup>8</sup> **AND THEN** the lawless one (the anti-Christ) will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

**After the rapture evil will reign and the anti-Christ will come. After the Tribulation, Jesus personally will destroy the anti-Christ by the breath of HIS mouth. Although we don't know the time of Jesus' return, God tells us the mystery of lawlessness is already at work and there is evidence that Satan is getting bolder. **We know what is happening!****

2 Thessalonians 2:9–11 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. <sup>11</sup> Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, <sup>12</sup> in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

**The activity of Satan will powerfully promote evil anti-God influence. There will be wicked deception because people will refuse to love the truth of God.**

**Therefore, God will send them strong delusion and they will believe the lie. These blinded people enjoy unrighteousness and thus will be doomed to God's condemnation.**

**Don't be discouraged. God knows full well what is going on. God is protecting and empowering HIS believing church. We may periodically suffer from the evils of the world. However, we will never suffer the wrath of God.**

**Until Jesus returns, we have a job to do and the authority and power to do it. God tells us to give thanks and to take courage.**

1 Corinthians 15:57 (ESV)

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Be bold as a lion, we have the truth!**

1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.