

# THE PERSON AND LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

## Lesson Fifteen

### *THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (3)*

Scripture reading: 1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-45

#### **Burden to Impart:**

In the previous two lessons stress has been placed upon the fact of the Lord's resurrection (He was seen by many, many witnesses who became His martyrs) and how His invisible presence is always with us.

In this lesson we want to impress the children that *the resurrection was not merely the physical raising of Jesus from the dead, but resurrection was the means for Him to be glorified and transfigured into the life-giving Spirit. This was the greatest thing that had ever happened! Now, in resurrection as the life-giving Spirit, the Lord Jesus is able to live within all those who believe in Him and receive Him.*

**Memory Verse:** "So also it is written, The first man, Adam, became a living soul; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit" (1 Corinthians 15:45).

#### **Facts to Teach:**

1. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus is the most important fact of our Christian faith, because through it we have the assurance that He truly was and is the Son of God, and that He fully pleased God and lived according to God's will, and accomplished God's work.
2. Because of this:
  - a. We take His living as recorded in the four Gospels as God's standard model for our example.
  - b. We take His teachings to be God's speaking to us and God's revelation to us as the principle for our living.
  - c. We take His crucifixion and death to be God's provision for our redemption and salvation.
  - d. We take His resurrection life to be our very life to live by (Col. 3:4).
3. It was by resurrection that the Lord Jesus changed His form and became the life-giving Spirit. He did this so that He could get inside of His believers and live in them.
4. To help us understand resurrection the Apostle Paul uses the example of a seed being planted in the ground (1 Cor. 15:35-38):
  - a. Every seed has two parts: on the inside is the life of the seed and on the outside is the body, or shell of the seed.
  - b. Before the seed is planted, you cannot see the beauty of its life (its flowers, leaves, form, fruit), you can only see the rather ugly, simple shape of its shell, its body.
  - c. However, when the seed is buried into the ground, the outward shell decays and "dies." After this, you no longer see the seed. You see the life of the seed! When a plant comes up out of the ground, you can actually enjoy the life of the seed; you can enjoy its beauty and you can even eat its fruit!
5. Although the Lord's disciples did enjoy His presence and could see His beauty and glory (John 1:14, 18), still, His wonderful life was hidden within His physical body.

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### Lesson Fifteen (continued)

6. One day Jesus told His disciples that He would go away from them (John 14:16-20; 16:5-6). They were all very sad. He told them that they would even cry for sorrow (John 16:19-22). He was going to the cross and into death, like a seed being buried in the earth (John 12:24). However, He told them that this was much better for them, and that when He came back they would all rejoice. This is because He would not only be with them, He would be able to get inside of them. This is because He, like a seed when it is buried, would change His form by going through death and resurrection. In this way He became the life-giving Spirit.
7. Now, as the life-giving Spirit, the Lord Jesus is no longer limited by a physical body. He has a spiritual body (1 Cor. 15:44-45) that has no limitations. He, like the air, is in every place on the earth at the same time. So now, at any time and in any place, whoever calls upon His name can receive Him and He can live inside of them.

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Songs for Lesson Fifteen

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**Tune: "My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean."**

Now Christ is the life-giving Spirit;  
G C G  
A7 D7

Now Christ is the Spirit today;

Now Christ is the life-giving Spirit,  
G C G  
C D7 G

So open your mouth up and say,

C  
O Lord, Amen,  
D 7 G

O Lord, Amen, Hallelujah!

C  
O Lord, Amen,  
D 7 G

O Lord, Amen, Hallelujah!

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(Story for Lesson 15)

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Memory verse: So also it is written, The first man, Adam, became a living soul; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.  
I Corinthians 15:45

The mighty God of all the Universe came down. He planted Himself into this dark ground, muddy with wickedness; and He died there. But being the wonderful God of Life, after 3 days even death, darkness and the powers of evil could not hold Him. So after 3 days He burst forth into Life, a new Life. Through His resurrection He came out of death and entered into a wonderful and glorious new form of Life.

He needed to share this Life with a People who would love Him and become the many seeds for God to increase Himself. The God of Creation wanted to have a new creation, something entirely different. His plan was for this new creation of beings to take over for Him this dark Kingdom of death, that had conquered us all.

So what did He do? And how?

By binding Himself with the evil chains that bound us first and then going down into our death, He himself died. But then He arose; breaking the bands that Satan, the King of Darkness, had bound us with.

To do this tremendous task, the Lord Jesus planted Himself as a seed deep into the soil of mankind. This heavenly Seed had to die in order to break through its' outer shell. This could never be possible for any mortal man to do. This would produce a grand new form of life never known before. Only Jesus, the Son of God, had the power to break through such a shell and come forth with His divine Life. And this He did. All the Powers of Darkness were confounded (struck almost dead) by this wonderful Thing our Lord did. So out of dark ground of this world He arose with a new form of Life. a new creation. This new Life would yield many divine seeds which would also bear God's own image.

When did He plant these Marvelous Seeds of Himself? At different times. He came to sow Himself into the ground. He first came into a dimly lit room where His disciples were frightened and crying because they could not believe He had broken through death. Then gently just like the life within the seed breaks throughly He appeared, standing with them. He was the same Jesus they had seen go into death and be buried. Now He had broken that shell and had risen into this new mysterious Life. He

comforted them and then to put Himself into them He breathed on them, like a loving kiss, saying, "Receive My Spirit." (Receive Me Myself and all that I am). Then as easily as He had appeared in the room, He disappeared. Now, they believed. For forty days He appeared at times and the disappeared. Only in this new form, as the Spirit, could our Lord Jesus be with each one of us every minute of every night and day. If He were only far away in heaven or ministering in one place on earth, how could we all speak to Him or pray to Him or call on Him at the same time?

One time a boy in Africa was playing on the water bank when a crocodile grabbed him and took him into the den, partly under water, and left him there. In his fright and screaming, he remembered that God hears and answers prayer. He prayed and then listened. He heard a pecking sound above him. Then there was more pecking and soon a small hole, showing a way out. He made the hole large enough and crawled out. How thankful he and his family were that God is near to hear and to help us! (He is nearer than our dearest friend). He is deep down within all those who believe in Him as the wonderful Spirit of Life. This is how He could be with all of the disciples all of the time. And now He is just as near to each of us!