

Jesus Reigns! November 22nd, 2020

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

- 1. Share with the group a funny 2020 meme that you've seen. How well does the meme capture the "mood" in our country?
- 2. Read the verses prior to our text (vv.12-17). What happens if Christ has not been raised from the dead? What is the significance of word "But" in verse 20?
- 3. Agree or disagree and why? Christ is a 2nd Adam. 4. In what way is Jesus the "firstfruits" of those who will rise? 5. What is meant by all "dominion, authority and power" in verse 24? 6. Paul says that Christ "must" reign. Why "must" he? 7. Agree or disagree and why? Jesus defeated death when he rose from the grave? 8. Read Acts 8:1,4,31; 11:19. Explain how King Jesus uses the efforts of his church's enemies to bless his church? What encouragement does this give you? Can you cite any examples of how Jesus may be doing the same thing in 2020? 9. Agree or disagree and why? It is a sin to put our trust in science to end the current pandemic. 10. What Bible truth from the text and/or sermon do you find most

comforting. Think of someone in your life with whom you will

share these thoughts.