

THEN COMES THE END

We are currently studying a Sunday series of doctrines of the Resurrection from 1 Cor.15:1-58. Today we are studying the third of six sections in this series, entitled, **Preach the Order of Resurrection.**

(1 Cor.15:1-11)	Preach Gospel of Grace Salvation
(1 Cor.15:12-19)	Preach the Resurrection
(1 Cor.15:20-28)	Preach the Order of the Resurrection
(1 Cor.15:29-34)	Preach the Victory of Resurrection
(1 Cor.15:35-49)	Preach the Resurrection Body
(1 Cor.15:50-58)	Preach the Mystery of the Rapture

We will divide the third section into two studies: (1 Cor.15:20-23) and (1 Cor.15:24-28).

- (1 Cor.15:20-23) Christ the First fruits of Resurrection
- **(1 Cor.15:24-28) Christ's Return will be the End of All Things.**

Our Text:

(1 Cor.15:24-28) "Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 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. 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."

Note that the phrase, "Then (eita/ temporal adverb) comes the end (to telos/ nsm)," follows the order of the resurrection:

- Jesus Christ (Seated in Session)
- Church age (The Church is Raptured)
- Jewish age (Seven years of Tribulation)
- Millennial age (1000 years)
 - "Then comes the end."

We will use Paul's Greek outline to teach today's lesson entitled, "Then comes the End."

In theology, we call this Eschatology (the study of the end times). Our lesson text uses an order of the Greek language to outline the phrase, "**Then comes the end.**"

Paul used the conjunction hotan (when) [vs.24-28a used four times] plus the subjunctive mood

1. (1 Cor.15:24a) "**When** (hotan) He delivers up (paradidomi/ a.a.subj 3ps) the kingdom to God and Father."
2. (1 Cor.15:24b-26) "**When** (hotan) He has abolished (katargeo/ a.a.subj.3ps) all rule and all authority and power." **Operation footstool** (Vs.25) (Ps.110:1) **The Second death** (vs.26) (Rev.20:14)
3. (1 Cor.15:27) "**When** (hotan) He says (lego/ a.a.subj.3ps) that all things are put in subjection."
4. (1 Cor.15:28a) "**When** (hotan) all things are subjected (hupotasso/ a.p.subj.3pln) to Him."

Along with the temporal adverb tote (then) [vs 28b used one time].

5. (1 Cor.15:28b) "**Then** (tote) ["Then the end"] the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, that God may be all in all."

OPERATION FOOTSTOOL

We will study the doctrine of Operation Footstool discussed in our lesson text – “For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.” (1Cor.5:25)

This lesson will study four aspects of Operation Footstool as part of Eschatology.

1. The doctrine of Operation Footstool is introduced.

(Gen.3:15) “I will put enmity between you (Satan) (Gen.3:14) and the woman and between Your seed and her seed; He (Christ) shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise Him on the heel.”

Theologians have interpreted Gen.3:15 as Protoevangelism (first announcement of the gospel of Christ).

Operation Footstool is the ultimate fulfillment of this prophecy. Operation Footstool is based on both advents of Jesus Christ into human history.

- **First Advent** of Jesus Christ
(1 John 3:8b) “The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.”
- **Second Advent** of Jesus Christ
(Rom.16:20) “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.”

2. David declared Operation Footstool in two messianic Psalms (Ps.8:6 and 110:1).

(Ps.8:6) “You make Him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under His feet.”

(Ps.110:1) “The Lord says to my Lord: ‘Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.’”

These Psalms will be quoted six times in the New Testament (Matt.22:41-46; Acts 2:29-36; 1 Cor.15:24-26; Heb.1:3-4, 13; 10:12-14; and Eph.1:20-23).

While Jesus Christ sits on the throne In Session, Operation Footstool is a prophecy awaiting fulfillment.

3. Operation Footstool pertains to the final over-throw of Satan and the fallen angels at the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.

(Heb.10:12-13) “But He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, **waiting from that time onward until** His enemies be made a footstool for His feet.” (Heb.1:3-4, 13)

(Heb.2:8) “You have put all things in subjection under His feet (Ps.8:6). For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to Him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to Him.” (1 Pet.3:22; 1 Cor.15:24-28)

4. After the battle of Armageddon and the Baptism of Fire, Satan and the fallen angels are bound for a thousand-year period, called the Millennial Age (Rev.20:1-6).

At the end of the Millennial Age, they will be released to be defeated in the final war of Gog and Magog (Rev.20:7-9).

Then Satan, the fallen angels, the anti-christ and false prophet will be thrown into the Lake of Fire (Rev.20:10; Matt.25:41).