The Resurrection Chapter – 1 Corinthians 15

We human beings have a lot of holidays. Why not? They can be a good thing. It also might be good to ponder the meaning of that label, “holiday.” It could mean Holy Day – a day set aside by the hand of God as very important for all. Easter is one of those holidays – a Holy Day.

We may call it Easter, but God had already had this day named. It is called “The Feast of Firstfruits.” This title represents God’s promise of a future harvest. Firstfruits began as a promise of a harvest of crops for the survival of God’s people in The Promised Land. Today, that promise is fulfilled in Christ. But it is not a harvest of crops, but a harvest of the souls of human beings.

Jesus rose from the dead and received a new, eternal body. All those who put their trust in God’s plan will receive the same miracle at the end of the age. This promise actually starts today. The Apostle Paul explained this in what may be called “The Resurrection Chapter.” Some may doubt, but Paul wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit: “But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Corinthians 15:20). In other words, Jesus led the way (firstfruits) in his resurrection and all believers will soon follow.

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