

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 04 March 2018.....	1Cor 1-3	United in Christ
2) 11 March.....	1Cor 4-6	Glorifying God
3) 18 March.....	1Cor 7	Keeping Commitments
4) 25 March.....	1Cor 8-10	Influencing for Christ
5) 01 April	1Cor 15-16; John 20:3-9.....	Assurance of the Resurrection
6) 08 April.....	1Cor 11	Remembering the Sacrifice
7) 15 April.....	1Cor 12 & 14	Serving God's People
8) 22 April.....	1Cor 13	Understanding Love
9) 29 April.....	2Cor 1-2	Enjoying God's Comfort
10) 06 May.....	2Cor 3-4	Displaying the Gospel
11) 13 May.....	2Cor 5-7	Becoming New
12) 20 May.....	2Cor 7-9	Giving Faithfully
13) 27 May.....	2Cor 10-13	Finding Strength

INTRODUCTION

- Since I am a stickler for expository teaching, bear with me as I elaborate on both John 20:3-9 and all of 1Corinthians 15 & 16 in this lesson
 - Lifeway ETB took the liberty to jump around in these last 2 chapters over the next few weeks more so than what my OCD would allow me to do
 - If you choose to follow how Lifeway split up these chapters, you should be able to extract from my notes appropriately
- Key Message for this week → Death has been defeated but has not yet been abolished and subjected to Christ.....[Hebrews 2:8](#)

Passage	Comments
John 20:3-9	<p>Who's Afraid of the Unknown?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v5. Recall that John, "the other disciple," hesitated to go into the tomb for some unknown reason, possibly a little afraid and wanted to wait for backup • v6. Peter, sometimes a bull in a china shop, catches up to John and marches in to check it out • Is it OK to be like Peter – bold and reckless; or like John, overly cautious? Revisit 1&2 Peter and see how Peter matured in his ways over the years • vv8-9. John saw & believed, but v9 says they did not understand the Scripture that Christ must rise again from the dead. What John believed, then, was Mary's report of the Lord's body simply being gone, possibly someone took it. • But why were the Disciples blind to Scripture, especially when Jesus plainly told them many times He must undergo suffering and death, & He would rise again after three days? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Aren't we also blind to things that are, at first, beyond our comprehension (like calculus) until we get to a point when it finally sinks after repeated exposure. It just takes time! ♦ As Isaiah said, "To whom will he teach knowledge, and to whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, those taken from the breast? For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.".....Is 28:9-10 ♦ Thank God for His patience with all of us
1Cor 15:1-4	<p>Saved by the Gospel – If you hold fast (or endure)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believers will endure since God completes that which He starts.....Phil 1:6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ But some think they are saved by 'walking the aisle' or by saying the Sinner's Prayer or other form of easy-believism – which is believing in vain. They just want to escape Hell or acquire health & wealth instead of acquiring Christ
15:5-11	<p>Resurrection Credibility Based on 500+ Eye Witnesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter and 'the 12' – less Judas (The 'called' Apostles) • 500+ witnesses over 40 days.....Mt 28:10; Acts 1:3 • Then to James, then to all the apostles/disciples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Apostles = 'messenger' or 'sent one'; Specifically applied to "the 12"; & from a generic perspective others & you & me have received apostolic orders.....Rom 1:5; 2Cor 8:23 ♦ Others identified as apostles in Scripture include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matthias.....Acts 1:26 - Barnabas.....Acts 14:14 - James.....Gal 1:19 - Epaphroditus.....Phil 2:25 - Adronicus & Junia (female).....Rom 16:7 - Timothy & Silvanus.....1Thes 2:6 • v8. Last of all, he appeared to Paul

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15:12-28; 30-32	<p>There is no Gospel without the Resurrection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv17-19, 32. If Christ did not rise from the grave, then our faith is in vain – and we are to be pitied more than others since we are not living for the moment (eat, drink, be merry) • vv22-23. 'because of Adam ALL die, because of Christ ALL will be made alive' – this is not UNIVERSALISM where everyone is saved & goes to Heaven, but Paul is stressing that the work of Christ is more than sufficient to meet all the evils introduced by the fall of Adam & potentially save ALL
15:29	<p>Baptizing for the Dead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are more than 60 possible interpretations for this • Mormons use this passage to justify their rite of believers being baptized to save those already dead • Paul makes the point by adding if the Resurrection did not happen, then even this unwarranted practice is vain
15:33-34	<p>No Excuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Bad company corrupts good morals' is a quote from the Greek poet Menander which is equivalent to 'a little leaven leavens the whole lump'.....1Cor 5:6 • Paul also says "STOP SINNING" – IOW flip the switch off • ...and to their shame, the Corinthians had the message of life but failed to share it with others
15:35-49	<p>What will our Resurrected Bodies be Like?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In brief, it begins in this mortal world as a perishable body (like a single kernel of corn), but is raised to live for eternity • Christ will have the only marred body in Heaven
15:50-58	<p>A Mystery is Revealed – The First Resurrection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibly alluding to the entry into the millennial period, which is referenced as the 1st Resurrection.....Rev 20:4-6 • This is a motivational passage for us to hang tough
1Cor 16:1-9	<p>CHANGE TOPIC → Collection for the Saints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a good practice to have on a weekly basis to put aside funds to help other Saints in need.....Rom 15:26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Priority of Aid is first to Family (1Tim 5:8), then to Saints (Gal 6:10); then to others • vv3,4. Paul also stresses financial accountability. Only those who were approved should help with the money – and Paul was willing to assist for added assurance
16:10-24	<p>Final Words to Live By</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv10,11. Treat young timid Timothy w/ respect/honor - Let us carefully encourage and not intimidate others • vv13, 14. 'Act like men, be strong, be loving, stand firm in your faith' – IOW, put your big boy & big girl pants on & take your faith seriously. Christianity is not for wimps! • vv16, 18. Acknowledge and be under the authority of those who have spiritual responsibility for our souls – that they may do it with joy.....Heb 13:7

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- These 3 chapters seemingly explain what the Apostle John said in [1John 5:13](#) – 'These things are written ... that you might know you have eternal life.'

NEXT WEEK: 1Cor 11. In this principle-packed chapter we deal with cultural issues, dying before one's time, and how "approved" people, like cream, rise to the top during times of distress

