

DEFINITIONS

1 Corinthians 15:20-34

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15:20 **firstfruits** (*aparché*), noun. “**1** cultic technical term. *first fruits, first portion* of any kind (including animals, both domesticated and wild..., which were holy to the divinity and were consecrated before the rest could be put to secular use... **2** birth-certificate also suits the context of Ro 8:23.”

15:24 **then** (*eita*), adverb. “**1** pertaining to being next in order of time, *then, next*... 1 Cor 15:7, 24.”

end (*telos*), noun. “**2** the last part of a process, close, conclusion, especially of the last things, the final act in the cosmic drama... Mt 24:6, 14; Mk 13:7; Lk 21:9... Perhaps 1 Cor 15:24, if [‘will be’] is to be supplied with [‘then the end’] *then the end will come*.]”

rule, authority and power (*arché, eksousia, dunamis*). [Scripture employs these terms both for human leaders and for fallen spiritual beings that deceive human leaders. These invisible beings, having rebelled against God, seek to destroy humanity in order to seize complete control over the earth. Thus, Jesus Christ must bring these beings into subjection, before redeemed humanity can rule over all creation.]

15:25 **reign** (*basileuô*), verb. “**1** to exercise authority at a royal level, *be king, rule*.”

15:28 **subject** (*hypotassô*), verb. “**1** to cause to be in a submissive relationship, *to subject, to subordinate*... The evil spirits must be subject to the disciples whom Jesus sends out Luke 10:17, 20. Likewise the prophetic spirits must be subject to the prophets in whom they dwell 1 Cor 14:32.”

15:34 **sober up** (*eknéphô*), verb. “Literally of one recovering from a drunken revel, ‘sober up’ ...; in our literature, only figuratively *come to one’s senses* ... sober up for uprightness (‘come to a sober and right mind’ NRSV) 1 Cor 15:34.”

no knowledge (*agnôsia*), noun. “*Ignorance*, not predominantly in the intellectual sense but, as in the speech of the mysteries ..., a lack of religious experience or lack of spiritual discernment... Some have no knowledge of God ... 1 Cor 15:34.”