

# Christ Jesus Reigns; Even Over Death!

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***“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the first-fruits, then when He comes, those who belong to Him. 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.”***

How many presidents of the United States of America are you able to list?

How many world leaders can you think of both past and present?

From the time of Adam until the present time, death has reigned over mankind. For every human being to be born into the world, death has taken every single person, except for Enoch and Elijah, who avoided death because the Lord took them to heaven without experiencing death.

Even Jesus experienced death, yet death could not keep its grasp upon Jesus, because Jesus has indeed risen from the dead. Jesus has conquered death. As intimidating as death is, Jesus took on death and on the third day, He rose again victorious.

As the Apostle Paul wrote to this congregation in Corinth, there were those who doubted that Jesus rose from the dead. There were those who were trying to cast doubt upon the resurrection of Jesus.

It is to this doubt and false teaching that Paul directs the words of this section of Scripture.

Imagine how hopeless the future would be if Jesus did not defeat death, yet the Apostle Paul clearly states:

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And when the Lord Jesus comes on the Last Day, it will be clear to all, even those who doubt, that He is Ruler, even over death.