

Of First Importance; 1 Corinthians 15:3-11

I. Focus

A. The Eisenhower Decision Matrix



B. Since our soul is eternal and we don't know when our bodies will die, I would put this decision in the "important and urgent" box

II. Christ Died

A. 1 Corinthians 15:3; For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

B. 1 Corintios 15:3; Porque ante todo les transmití a ustedes lo que yo mismo recibí: que Cristo murió por nuestros pecados según las Escrituras,

1. Leviticus 17:11; For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

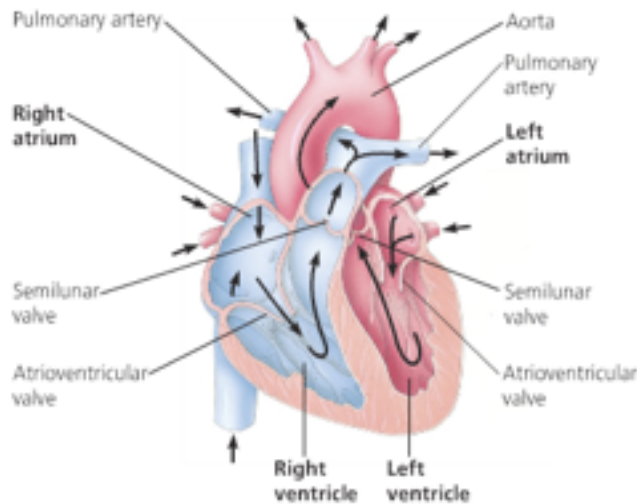
2. Levítico 17:11; Porque la vida de toda criatura está en la sangre. Yo mismo se la he dado a ustedes sobre el altar, para que hagan propiciación por ustedes mismos, ya que la propiciación se hace por medio de la sangre.

3. Hebrews 9:22; Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

4. Hebreos 9:22; De hecho, la ley exige que casi todo sea purificado con sangre, pues sin derramamiento de sangre no hay perdón.

C. These two scriptures form the basis for our understanding of Paul's statement, "Christ died for our sins"

1. Life of the flesh is in the blood



2. Blood is for atonement (given to us by God)
 3. Without blood, there can be no atonement
- D. Under the Mosaic Law, the blood of animals was used as an illustration of the ultimate sacrifice.
1. Leviticus 4:29–31; 29 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill the sin offering in the place of burnt offering. 30 And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out all the rest of its blood at the base of the altar. 31 And all its fat he shall remove, as the fat is removed from the peace offerings, and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a pleasing aroma to the Lord. And the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be forgiven.
 2. Levítico 4:29–31; 29 Pondrá la mano sobre la cabeza del animal, y lo degollará en el lugar donde se degüellan los animales para el holocausto. 30 Entonces el sacerdote tomará con el dedo un poco de la sangre y la untará en los cuernos del altar del holocausto, después de lo cual derramará el resto de la sangre al pie del altar. 31 Luego le sacará al animal toda la grasa, tal y como se le saca la grasa al sacrificio de comunión, y el sacerdote la quemará toda en el altar, como aroma grato al Señor. Así el sacerdote hará expiación por él, y su pecado le será perdonado.
- E. But, obedience and love were what God always desired
1. 1 Samuel 15:22; And Samuel said, “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.
 2. 1 Samuel 15:22; Samuel respondió: «¿Qué le agrada más al Señor: que se le ofrezcan holocaustos y sacrificios, o que se obedezca lo que él dice? El obedecer vale más que el sacrificio, y el prestar atención, más que la grasa de carneros.
 3. Hosea 6:4–6; 4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. 5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. 6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

4. Oseas 6:4–6; 4 «¿Qué voy a hacer contigo, Efraín? ¿Qué voy a hacer contigo, Judá? El amor de ustedes es como nube matutina, como rocío que temprano se evapora. 5 Por eso los hice pedazos por medio de los profetas; los herí con las palabras de mi boca. ¡Mi sentencia los fulminará como un relámpago! 6 Lo que pido de ustedes es amor y no sacrificios, conocimiento de Dios y no holocaustos.

F. Blood is for atonement, but only Jesus' blood can bring atonement (forgiveness) to us

III. Buried and Raised

A. 1 Corinthians 15:4; that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

B. 1 Corintios 15:4; que fue sepultado, que resucitó al tercer día según las Escrituras,

C. Jesus' blood was shed for our forgiveness

D. But just how (since he was crucified almost 2000 years ago)?

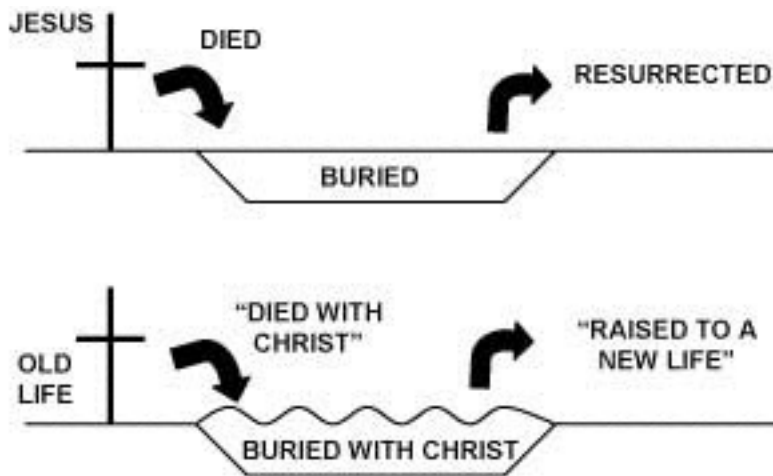
E. Hebrews 10:1-18

F. Hebreos 10:1-18

G. Just as Jesus was buried and was raised in accordance with the Scriptures, we also are buried and raised (in accordance with the Scriptures)

H. Romans 6:1-11

I. Romanos 6:1-11



J. Jesus' death dealt with sin

1. Hebrews 9:28; so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

2. Hebreos 9:28; también Cristo fue ofrecido en sacrificio una sola vez para quitar los pecados de muchos; y aparecerá por segunda vez, ya no para cargar con pecado alguno, sino para traer salvación a quienes lo esperan.

K. We have a choice, to continue to be dead in our sins, or to let Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection deal with them

L. "But how can we be sure?" you may be asking yourself

IV. He Appeared

A. 1 Corinthians 15:5–8; 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

- B. 1 Corintios 15:5–8; 5 y que se apareció a Cefas, y luego a los doce. 6 Después se apareció a más de quinientos hermanos a la vez, la mayoría de los cuales vive todavía, aunque algunos han muerto. 7 Luego se apareció a Jacobo, más tarde a todos los apóstoles, 8 y por último, como a uno nacido fuera de tiempo, se me apareció también a mí.
- C. Jesus' appearance should serve as proof to all who witnessed it
1. Matthew 28:11–15; 11 While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. 12 And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers 13 and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' 14 And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." 15 So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.
 2. Mateo 28:11–15; 11 Mientras las mujeres iban de camino, algunos de los guardias entraron en la ciudad e informaron a los jefes de los sacerdotes de todo lo que había sucedido. 12 Después de reunirse estos jefes con los ancianos y de trazar un plan, les dieron a los soldados una fuerte suma de dinero 13 y les encargaron: «Digan que los discípulos de Jesús vinieron por la noche y que, mientras ustedes dormían, se robaron el cuerpo. 14 Y si el gobernador llega a enterarse de esto, nosotros responderemos por ustedes y les evitaremos cualquier problema.» 15 Así que los soldados tomaron el dinero e hicieron como se les había instruido. Esta es la versión de los sucesos que hasta el día de hoy ha circulado entre los judíos.
- D. While the story the guards spread may have been plausible, Jesus' appearance to His apostles and disciples exposes that story for lie it really is



- E. The road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)
1. Luke 24:36–49
 2. Lucas 24:36–49
- F. Acts 1:1–5; 1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

- G. Hechos 1:1–5; 1 Estimado Teófilo, en mi primer libro me referí a todo lo que Jesús comenzó a hacer y enseñar 2 hasta el día en que fue llevado al cielo, luego de darles instrucciones por medio del Espíritu Santo a los apóstoles que había escogido. 3 Después de padecer la muerte, se les presentó dándoles muchas pruebas convincentes de que estaba vivo. Durante cuarenta días se les apareció y les habló acerca del reino de Dios. 4 Una vez, mientras comía con ellos, les ordenó: —No se alejen de Jerusalén, sino esperen la promesa del Padre, de la cual les he hablado: 5 Juan bautizó con agua, pero dentro de pocos días ustedes serán bautizados con el Espíritu Santo.



- H. “Proofs” - any extremely convincing, factual evidence that helps to establish the truth of something
- I. Could you imagine seeing Jesus complete with whip marks, crown marks, nail holes, and spear wound?
- J. Yet, here it is, written down for us to “see” by the very people that saw him!
- K. Jesus’ appearance is of first importance
- V. Will you believe?
- A. 1 Corinthians 15:9–11; 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.
- B. 1 Corintios 15:9–11; 9 Admito que yo soy el más insignificante de los apóstoles y que ni siquiera merezco ser llamado apóstol, porque perseguí a la iglesia de Dios. 10 Pero por la gracia de Dios soy lo que soy, y la gracia que él me concedió no fue infructuosa. Al contrario, he trabajado con más tesón que todos ellos, aunque no yo sino la gracia de Dios que está conmigo. 11 En fin, ya sea que se trate de mí o de ellos, esto es lo que predicamos, y esto es lo que ustedes han creído.
- C. That Jesus died for our sins
- D. That Jesus was buried and raised
- E. That Jesus appeared to His apostles and disciples