

March & April Theme: "Victory through our Lord Jesus"

MORNING WORSHIP (Easter Sunday at Shangri-La)

4 April 2010

Title: "VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST"

Text: **1 Corinthians 15**

(I) THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER

1. Celebration of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ

"I declare to you the Gospel... by which also you are saved..." 1 Corinthians 15:1

2. Celebration of the Scriptures

"According to the Scriptures" 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4

3. Celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead

a) His death and burial

"Christ died for our sins" 1 Corinthians 15:3b

b) He rose from the dead

"He rose from the dead the third day" 1 Corinthians 15:4

(II) ATTACK AGAINST THE DOCTRINE OF THE RESURRECTION

1. A Deadly Attack against the doctrine of the resurrection

a) Denial of this doctrine

b) Denial of the Resurrection of Christ

2. Deadly false brethren (1 Corinthians 15:33-34)

a) Using friendship

b) Using deception

c) Using ignorance of believers

(III) DEFENSE OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE RESURRECTION

1. Appeal to The Witnesses of the Risen Christ

- a) Cephas (Peter) (**1 Corinthians 15:5a**)
- b) The Twelve (**1 Corinthians 15:5b**)
- c) The Five Hundred Brethren (**1 Corinthians 15:6a**)
- d) James (**1 Corinthians 15:7a**)
- e) Paul (**1 Corinthians 15:8**)

2. Appeal to the Integral Content of the Gospel

- a) The message of the Gospel (preaching) (**1 Corinthians 15:14a**)
- b) The Christian Faith (**1 Corinthians 15:14b**)

(IV) SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Christ as the firstfruits (**1 Corinthians 15:23**)

1. Raised in Incorruption (1 Corinthians 15:42b**)**

2. Raised in Glory (1 Corinthians 15:43b**)**

3. Raised in Power (1 Corinthians 15:43c**)**

4. Raised as a Spiritual Body (1 Corinthians 15:44**)**

5. Raised in Immortality (1 Corinthians 15:53-54**)**

(V) VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

1. Victory over Death

*"O Death, where is your sting?
O Hades, where is your victory?" **1 Corinthians 15:55***

2. Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

*"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" **1 Corinthians 15:57***

3. Victorious Christian living

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abiding in the work of the Lord, that
that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." **1 Corinthians 15:58***