

PBC Growing in Christ

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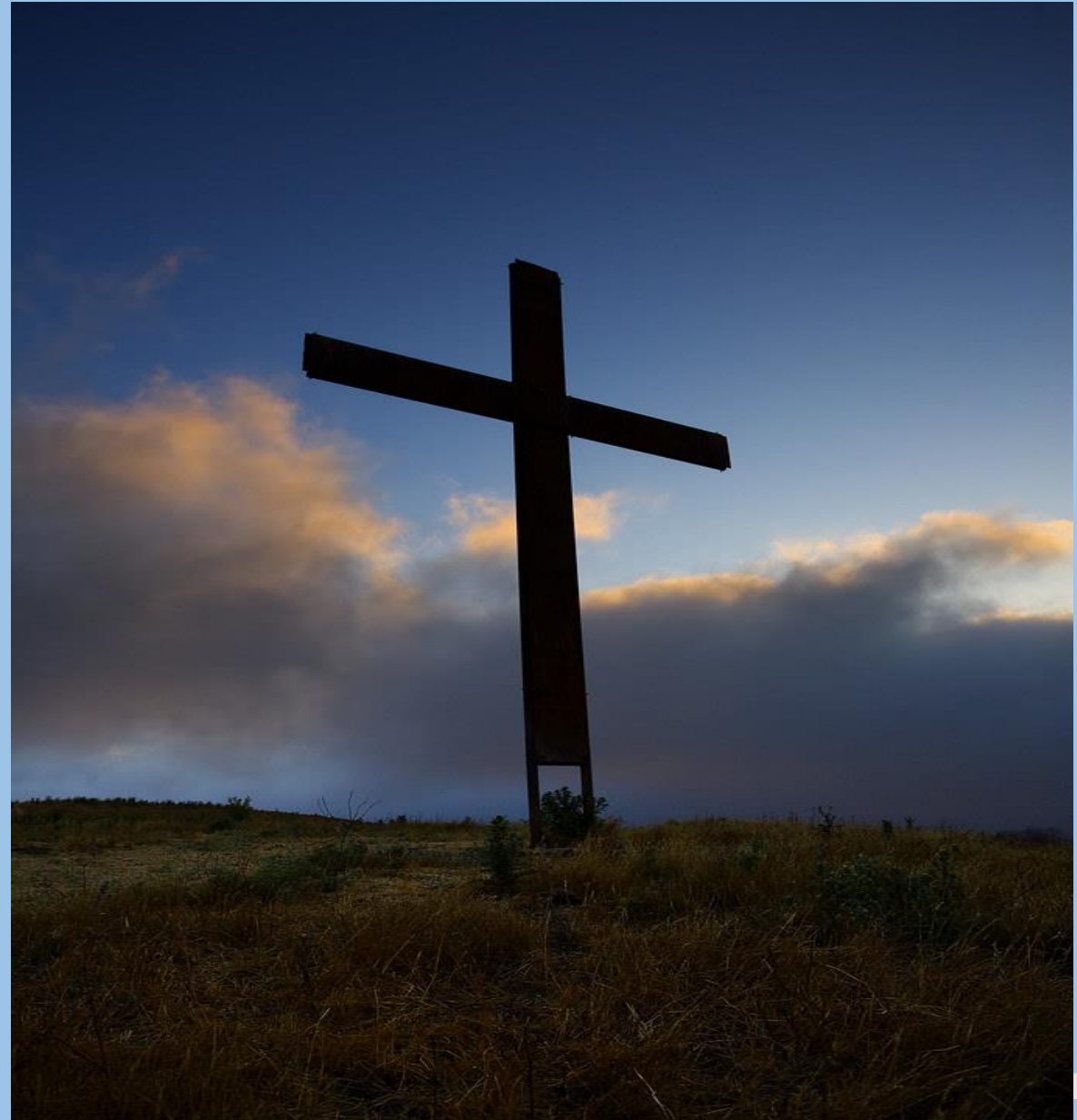
Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The background is a sunset sky with soft, golden light breaking through the clouds. The cross is the central focus of the image, symbolizing faith and community.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)





Why Resurrection Matters

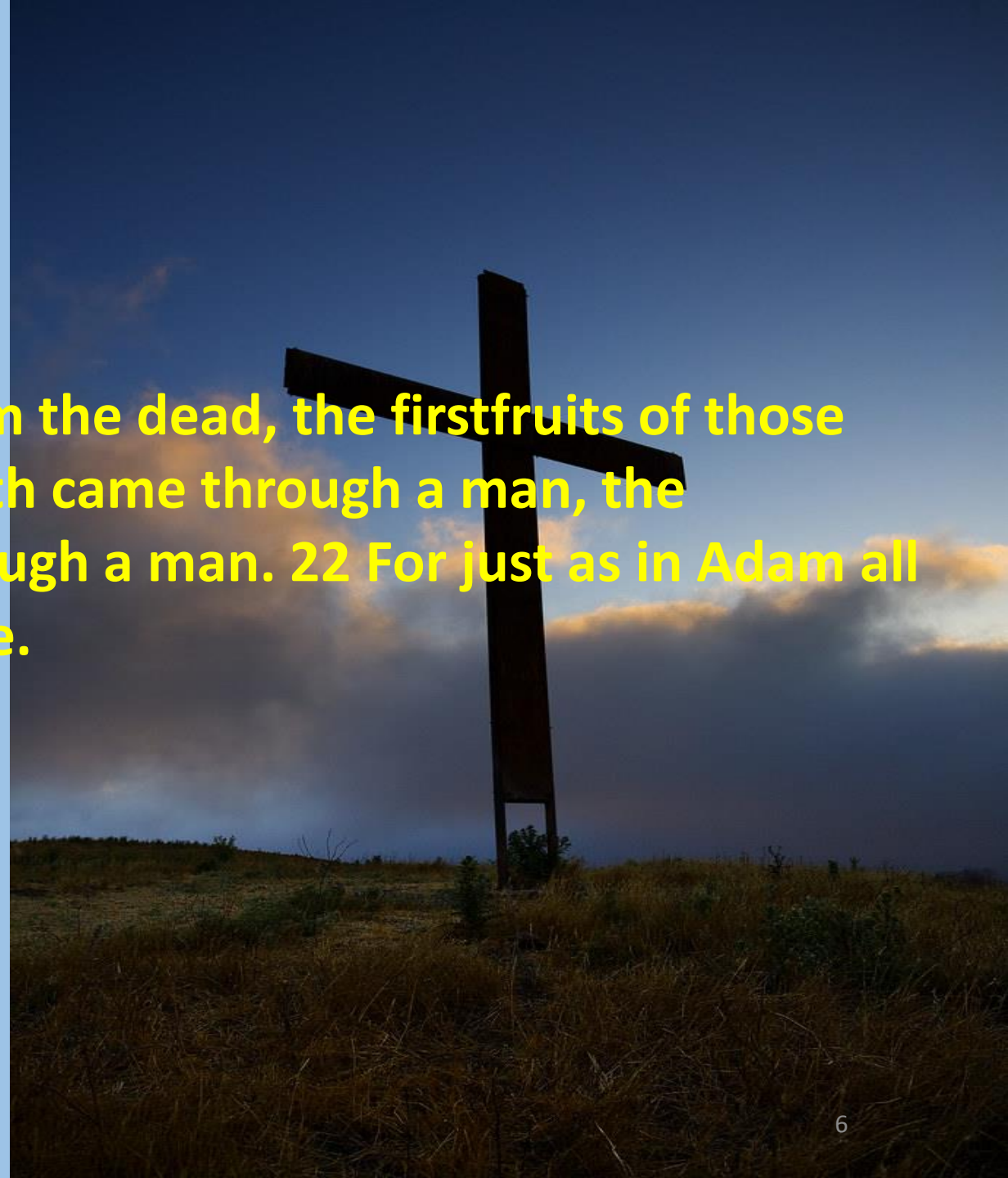
1 Corinthians 15:20-28,54-58

What invention or innovation has been a ‘game changer’ for you?

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

20 But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. 22 For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.





Why the Resurrection Matters

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

What words or phrases characterize someone who has been 'made alive'?

How do these verses represent both good news and bad news?



Why the Resurrection Matters

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

- The firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep represents the first or the best portions of the harvest to given as an offerings to God.
- Christ's resurrection precedes the harvest of others.
- While physical death is inevitable, Jesus' resurrection demonstrates that our death is not the end of the story.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:23-28

23 But each in his own order: Christ, the firstfruits; afterward, at his coming, those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he abolishes all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he puts all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be abolished is death. 27 For God has put everything under his feet. Now when it says “everything” is put under him, it is obvious that he who puts everything under him is the exception. 28 When everything is subject to Christ, then the Son himself will also be subject to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.



Why the Resurrection Matters

1 Corinthians 15:23-28

What kinds of things characterize a life that is submitted to Christ's reign as Lord over all?

How does Christ's reign over all give you hope in your day-to-day life?

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1 Corinthians 15:23-28

- If no resurrection we would have no more than another mythological tale of a somewhat powerful god or demi-god.
- But Jesus Christ is neither demi-god nor mythological figure.
- His resurrection is a sign that all things are subject to Him, including the authorities and principalities of the world.
- Jesus Christ is alive and reigns as Lord over all.



Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

54 When this corruptible body is clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body is clothed with immortality, then the saying that is written will take place: Death has been swallowed up in victory. 55 Where, death, is your victory? Where, death, is your sting? 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! 58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.



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1 Corinthians 15:54-58

What facts did Paul establish “How would you describe the victory that we are offered in Christ?”

What are some potential stumbling blocks that can prevent us from standing firm?



Why the Resurrection Matters

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

- Since death is the consequence of sin (Romans 6:23), then Jesus' defeat of death also demands a defeat of the power of sin. Sin does not have power over those who have trusted in Jesus for new life.
- Christ's resurrection means we do not live our lives in vain. Everything we do matters. "Your labor in the Lord is not in vain."



GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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Trust Christ as your Savior and Lord. Commit your life to the risen Christ. “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9).

Read other accounts. For alternative theories about the resurrection and replies to those theories, read *Cold-Case Christianity* by Jim Warner Wallace.

Share Christ’s resurrection. Think of someone who needs to know the truth of the resurrection of Jesus. Write that individual’s name down and pray for that person. Pray also for an opportunity to share about Christ’s resurrection. Be ready and willing to engage in a conversation on the powerful truth of the resurrection, an event that changes everything for us!



Final thoughts about Truth of the Resurrection

- Jesus' resurrection has secured new life.
- Because Christ conquered death and rose again, we have the assurance of this new life, a sure hope in the things yet to come.
- The resurrection of our Lord and Savior should affect the way we live today. Commit to wholeheartedly live for Christ in word and deed, knowing that what we do will have an eternal impact.



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“We are going love the hell out
you!”

Resources

I Corinthians 15

BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

[Bible.com](https://www.bible.com)





Next Week: August 16, 2020
All in the Life of Commitment

Christ's Commitment to Us
Romans 5:6-12,18-21
What lessons about
commitment were you taught
growing up?



God Bless You!

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