

1 Corinthians 15:29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

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Last time ...



Mid-Acts

A pair of brass scales of justice, symbolizing weighing and judgment. The scales are centered in the background, with two pans hanging from a central beam. The pans are empty and appear to be slightly tilted.

*You have been weighed in the
balances and found wanting.*

Daniel 5:27

Νυνὶ δὲ = “But Now”

Rom. 3:21
Rom. 6:22
Rom. 7:6, 17
Rom. 15:23, 25
1 Co. 5:11
1 Co. 12:18
1 Co. 13:13
1 Co. 14:6
1 Co. 15:20
2 Co. 8:11, 22
Eph. 2:13
Col. 1:21, 26
Col. 3:8
Phlm. 1:9, 11
Heb. 8:6
Heb. 11:16

KJV 1 Corinthians 15:20
But now is Christ risen
from the dead, *and*
become the firstfruits
of them that slept.
(1Co 15:20 KJV)

ἀπαρχή (1Co 15:20 TBT) = “firstfruits”

- Rom. 8:23
- Rom. 11:16
- Rom. 16:5
- 1 Co. 15:20, 23
- 1 Co. 16:15
- Jas. 1:18
- Rev. 14:4

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First Fruits

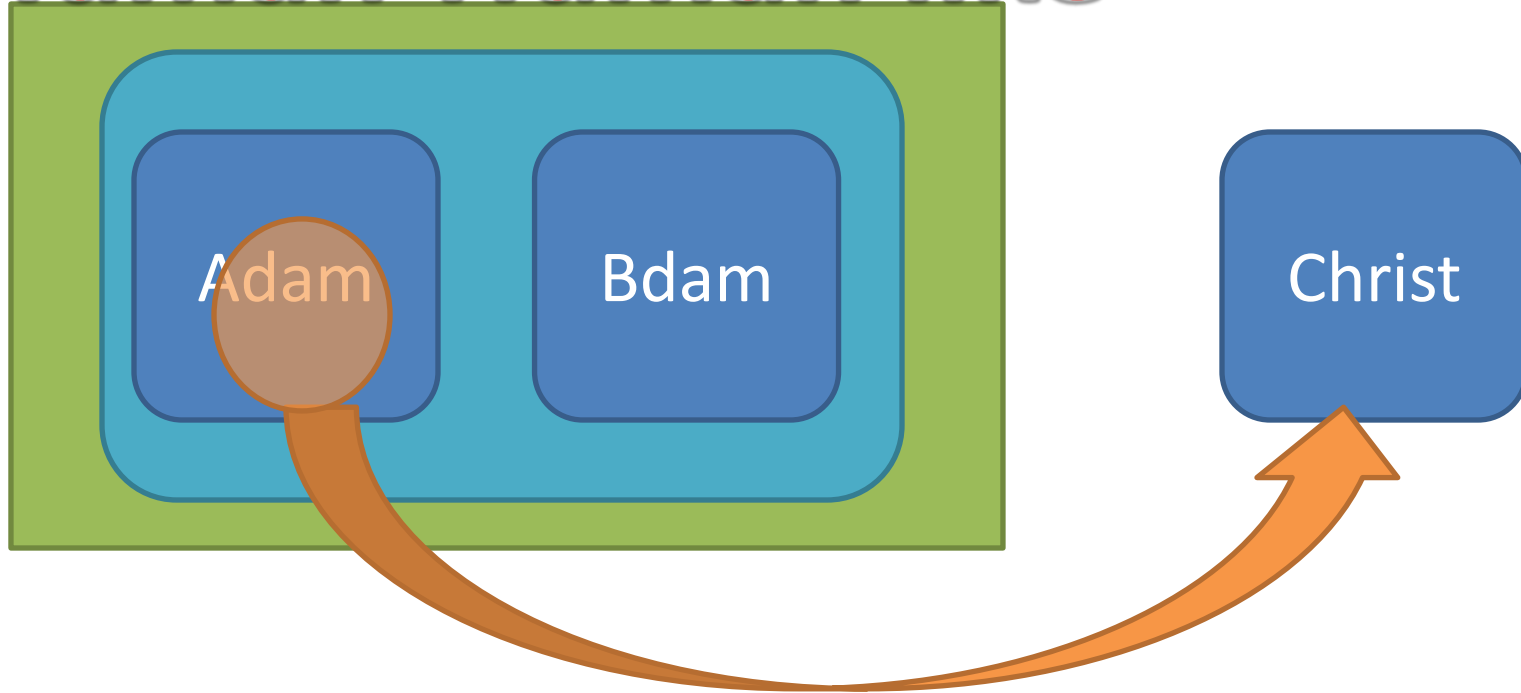
“slept”=κεκοιμημένων (1Co 15:20 TBT)

- Matt. 27:52
- Matt. 28:13
- Lk. 22:45
- Jn. 11:11-12
- Acts 7:60
- Acts 12:6
- Acts 13:36
- 1 Co. 7:39
- 1 Co. 11:30
- 1 Co. 15:6, 18, 20, 51
- 1 Thess. 4:13-15
- 2 Pet. 3:4



Seed Possibilities

Human-Human like



The seed

A detailed diagram of a seed, likely a bean, shown in a light gray, semi-transparent style. The seed is oval-shaped with a curved top. A small, yellowish-green structure at the top right is labeled 'Embryo' with a black arrow pointing to it. A large, light-colored structure on the left side is labeled 'Cotyledon' with a black arrow pointing to it. The text 'The seed' is centered at the top in a large, black, sans-serif font.

- Matt. 13: 24-30, 36-42
- Gen. 3:15
- John 8: 42-44,47

Ps 8. and the purposes of God

- 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.
- 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.
- 27 For he hath put **all things under his feet**. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

Eph 1:20-22

- 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,
- 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
- 22 And **hath put all things under his feet**, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

Concerning the secrets of the son

The Mystery



**The mystery
of Christ**

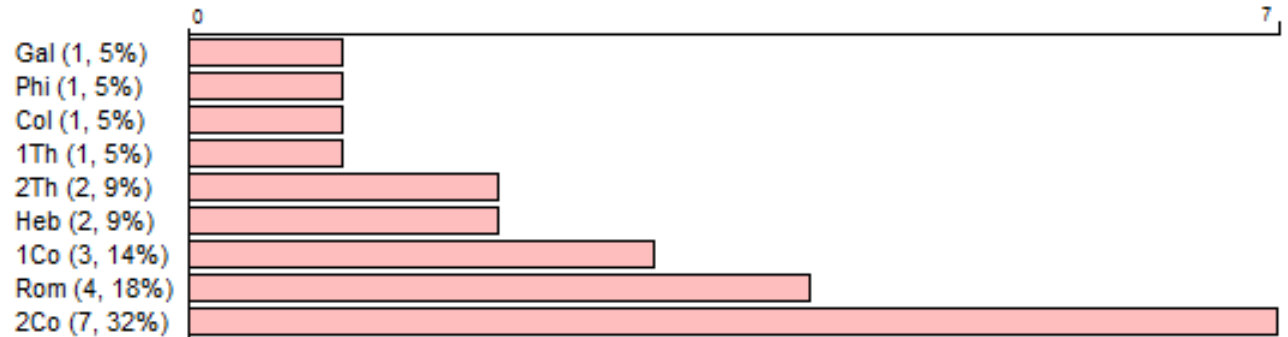
Today 

Baptism on behalf of the dead

- ^{KJV} **1 Corinthians 15:29** Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?
- ^{TBT} **1 Corinthians 15:29** Ἐπεὶ τί ποιήσουσιν οἱ βαπτιζόμενοι ὑπὲρ τῶν νεκρῶν; εἰ ὅλως νεκροὶ οὐκ ἐγείρονται, τί καὶ βαπτίζονται ὑπὲρ τῶν νεκρῶν;

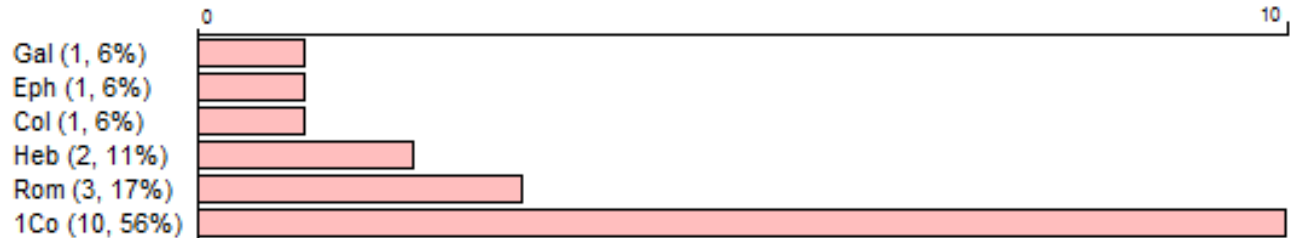
“on behalf of + article”

- Rom. 1:5
- Rom. 9:3, 27
- Rom. 16:4
- 1 Co. 4:6
- 1 Co. 15:3, 29
- 2 Co. 1:6, 8
- 2 Co. 12:5, 15, 19
- 2 Co. 13:8
- Gal. 1:4
- Phil. 2:13
- Col. 1:24
- 1 Thess. 3:2
- 2 Thess. 1:4
- 2 Thess. 2:1
- Heb. 7:27
- Heb. 13:17



Baptism in Paul's Letters

- Rom. 6:3-4
- 1 Co. 1:13-17
- 1 Co. 10:2
- 1 Co. 12:13
- 1 Co. 15:29
- Gal. 3:27
- Eph. 4:5
- Col. 2:12
- Heb. 6:2
- Heb. 9:10



Interpret by immediate context

- ^{KJV} **1 Corinthians 15:30** And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?
- ^{TBT} **1 Corinthians 15:30** τί καὶ ἡμεῖς κινδυνεύομεν πᾶσαν ὥραν;

“in danger”

- Lk. 8:23
- Acts 19:27, 40
- 1 Co. 15:30

DANGER

Interpret by immediate context

- ^{KJV} **1 Corinthians 15:31** **I protest by your rejoicing** which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.¹
- ^{TBT} **1 Corinthians 15:31** καθ' ἡμέραν ἀποθνήσκω, **νὴ τὴν ὑμετέραν καύχησιν**, ἣν ἔχω ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ Κυρίῳ ἡμῶν.

Interpretation

- Notice the pronouns
 - Vs 29 “they”
 - Vs 30 “we”
 - Vs 31 “I”
- Notice the “work”
 - vs 29 “What shall they do?” – the ones baptized
 - Vs 30 “in danger every day” – working
 - Vs 31 Oath “I die daily” basis: your rejoicing which I have

Putting it together

- Paul who was not sent to baptize could take the oath “I die daily” on the basis that the Corinthians rejoiced (through Paul’s efforts) he in turn rejoiced in Christ.
- The living were baptized on behalf of the dead because they would confirm benefit to the dead through the resurrection

1Cor 15:32

- Cited from #Isa 22:13. It is the outcry of the people of Jerusalem during the siege of Jerusalem by the Assyrians. At Anchiale near Tarsus is a statue of Sardanapalus with the inscription: "Eat, drink, enjoy thyself. The rest is nothing." This was the motto of the Epicureans. Paul is not giving his own view, but that of people who deny the resurrection. (AT Robinson)