

**...what advantageth it
me, if the dead rise not?
...(1Co 15:32 KJV)**

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Last time ...

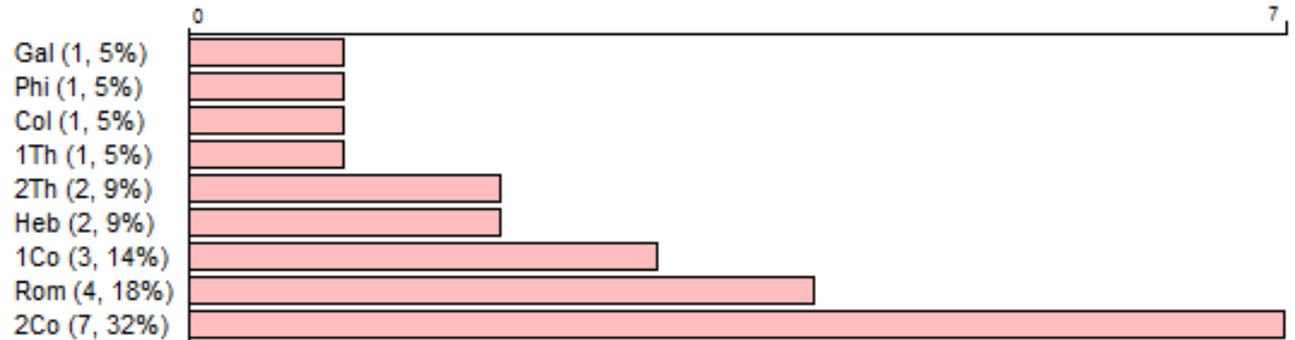


Baptism on behalf of the dead

- ^{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;

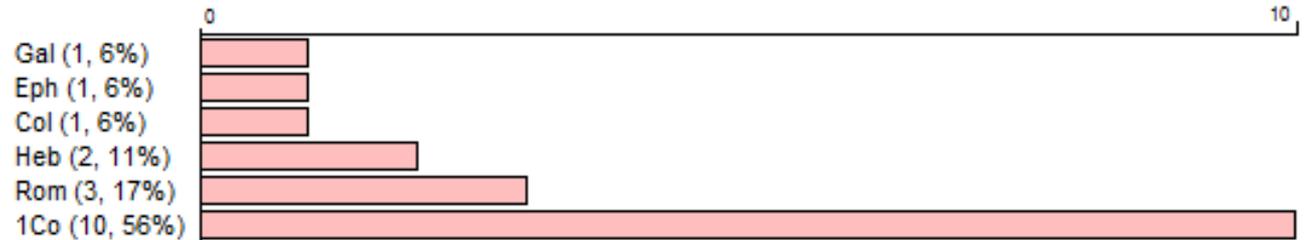
“on behalf of + article”

- 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, **νή τήν 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)

Today 

What profit?

- **KJV 1 Corinthians 15:32** If after the manner of men **I have fought with beasts** at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.¹
- **TBT 1 Corinthians 15:32** εἰ κατὰ ἄνθρωπον **ἐθηριομάχησα** ἐν Ἐφέσῳ, τί μοι τὸ ὄφελος, εἰ νεκροὶ οὐκ ἐγείρονται; φάγωμεν καὶ πίωμεν, αὔριον γὰρ ἀποθνήσκομεν.

Evil companions

- KJV 1 Corinthians 15:33 Be not deceived: **evil communications** corrupt good manners.
- TBT 1 Corinthians 15:33 μὴ πλανᾶσθε· Φθείρουσιν ἡθὴ χρήσθ' **ὀμιλῖαι κακαί.**



For some have ignorance of God

- KJV 1 Corinthians 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; **for some have not the knowledge of God**: I speak this to your shame.
- TBT 1 Corinthians 15:34 ἐκνήψατε δικαίως, καὶ μὴ ἁμαρτάνετε· **ἀγνωσίαν γὰρ Θεοῦ τινὲς ἔχουσι**· πρὸς ἐντροπὴν ὑμῖν λέγω.

What Body?

- KJV 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
- TBT 1 John 3:2 ἀγαπητοί, νῦν τέκνα Θεοῦ ἐσμέν, καὶ οὐπω ἐφανερώθη τί ἐσόμεθα· οἶδαμεν δὲ ὅτι ἐὰν φανερωθῆ, ὅμοιοι αὐτῷ ἐσόμεθα, ὅτι ὁψόμεθα αὐτὸν καθὼς ἐστι.

ἐφανερώθη (1Jο 3:2 TBT)

- 1 Jn. 1:2
- 1 Jn. 2:19, 28
- 1 Jn. 3:2, 5, 8
- 1 Jn. 4:9
- ^{KJV} **Colossians 4:4** That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.
- ^{TBT} **Colossians 4:4** ἵνα φανερώσω αὐτό, ὡς δεῖ με λαλῆσαι.