

Open Air Witness 2 – *“according to the scriptures”* and *“first of all”*

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.

“according to the scriptures”

Our brother has spoken truthfully of *“the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”* 2 Timothy 3:15.

That’s what we’re here for *“to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”* 2 Timothy 3:15.

That wisdom is *“according to the scriptures.”* That’s what the scripture says. The man who wrote those words is known as St Paul, Acts 13:9.

St Paul is still a very important man. If you go to London, you’ll see a famous landmark called St Paul’s Cathedral en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Paul%27s_Cathedral.

St Paul’s Cathedral has been there for 100s of years. It is one of London’s greatest sights. It is one of London’s most beloved buildings.

It survived the WW2 Blitz and is the subject of a famous iconic photo of the Blitz.

It is named after St Paul who wrote those words *“according to the scriptures.”*

St Paul is seen rightly as a very important man.

That is because those words *“according to the scriptures”* that St Paul wrote are the most important words for this whole nation of Britain and everyone in it.

Those words *“according to the scriptures”* declare how this country is to be governed.

Our queen, Queen Elizabeth II, was crowned queen in June 1953.

When she was crowned, she made a solemn promise before God. She took the Coronation Oath to lead this country *“according to the scriptures.”*

That’s how important those words are, for governing the whole nation *“according to the scriptures”* www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *Royal Law – James 2:8.*

Those words *“according to the scriptures”* are just as important for you as an individual.

As I said, St Paul wrote those words *“according to the scriptures”* *“to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”* 2 Timothy 3:15.

This is the full statement of what St Paul wrote. See 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.

St Paul wrote those words *“according to the scriptures”* twice in that statement to underline the importance of what he had written.

What’s more, St Paul was so concerned *“to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”* *“according to the scriptures”* that he wrote *“first of all.”*

“first of all...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures”

“first of all” you need to know ***“that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.”***

“Christ died for our sins” so that you don’t have to die *in your* sins. The Lord Jesus Christ said ***“ye shall die in your sins...if ye believe not that I am he”*** John 8:24, that is, ***“the Christ, the Saviour of the world”*** John 4:42.

“according to the scriptures” ***“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”*** Acts 4:12. That is not *politically* correct but it is *Biblically* correct and that’s what counts.

So ***“first of all”*** you need to know ***“that Christ died for our sins”*** ***“according to the scriptures”*** and *no-one* else died for our sins. No-one else *could* die for our sins.

“first of all...he was buried”

Then ***“first of all”*** you need to know ***“that he was buried.”***

“he was buried” so that you don’t have to be buried or if you are, you won’t stay buried. ***“Jesus said...I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die”*** John 11:25-26.

So ***“first of all”*** you need to know ***“that he was buried”*** so that you don’t have to be buried if you believe that ***“first of all...Christ died for our sins”*** and that means *your* sins. Why? Because ***“according to the scriptures”*** you can’t keep a good man down!

“first of all...he rose again the third day according to the scriptures”

Therefore ***“first of all”*** you also need to know ***“that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”***

“the third day” is the limit before corruption sets in on the fourth day, John 11:39 and ***“according to the scriptures”*** ***“...he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption”*** Acts 13:37.

Because ***“he rose again the third day according to the scriptures”*** and ***“saw no corruption”*** you don’t have to see corruption, not once and for all, that’s for sure. Even if they have to put you in the ground in the cemetery by the roundabout down the road and you stayed there for years, you won’t stay there forever. That is because ***“...he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.”***

If you believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is ***“the resurrection, and the life”*** and He is, you too will be ***“raised incorruptible”*** 1 Corinthians 15:52 just like the Lord Jesus Christ ***“rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”*** That is being ***“wise unto salvation”*** ***“according to the scriptures”*** like St Paul wrote ***“first of all.”***

You don’t have to ***“die in your sins.”*** If you ended up buried, you don’t have to stay buried or see corruption, not once and for all. You can be ***“raised incorruptible.”*** We would therefore invite you to be ***“wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”*** today!