



Our Resurrection Hope

1 Corinthians 15

Our society says that at death you either
cease to be or you go to a better place.

Christianity places its hope in the
resurrection of the body.

Resurrection (Greek, *anastasis*)

- To raise up, awaken, or repair
- Implies a change in status, usually for the better

1 Corinthians 15:34-36 (ESV)

34 ...For some [in Corinth] have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. 35 But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” 36 You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5 (ESV)

3 ...that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to [many]...



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1. What happens when we die?
2. How are the dead raised?
3. What will the resurrected body be like?
4. Considering all this, what hope do Christians have in the face of death?

Q1: What happens when we die?

1 Corinthians 15:17-18 (ESV)

17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

*“...Away from the body and at home
with the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 5:8)*

When we are in Christ, we're never
in limbo. Jesus walks with us every
step of the way.

“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:43)

“In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” (John 14:2-3)

First, there is death and whatever immediately lies beyond.

Second, we look ahead to resurrection and a new bodily existence in a newly remade world.

Q2: How are the dead raised?

1 Corinthians 15:57 (ESV)

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Resurrection depends wholly on the power of God. There is no logical process here except the logic of God's character.

“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.” (Romans 8:11)

Q3: What will the resurrected body be like?

1 Corinthians 15:36-37 (ESV)

36 ... What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

Your present body is to your
resurrected body as a seed is to
the plant that grows from it.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44 *When it is sown it embodies the soul; when it is raised it embodies the spirit...*

Q4: Considering all this, what hope do
Christians have in the face of death?

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 (ESV)

54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

Jesus has gone ahead and removed
death's sting.

In Christ, death is not the end of
family and community.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (ESV)

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

The resurrection of Jesus means infinite hope and reason to pour ourselves out for the needs of the world and to work against the forces of death.

Have you anchor your hope here?

If not, why not?

“Know Jesus and the power of his resurrection.” (Phil. 3:10)