

1 CORINTHIANS

SEEING EVERY PART OF LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL

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RESURRECTION IS INDISPENSABLE



Our Uniquely Christian Hope

1 Corinthians 15



**Our society claims that at death you
either 1) CEASE TO BE or 2) YOU
GO TO A BETTER PLACE.**



Christianity places its hope in the
RESURRECTION OF THE BODY.



**Resurrection is being raised up,
transformed, elevated to a new
higher sort of life—a life that is
unquenchable and unending.**



“Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures... was buried... was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures and... appeared to [many].” (1 **Corinthians 15:3-5**)



Jesus' resurrection is a sign, a **PROMISE**, that one day our bodies too will be raised to new life.





Resurgam

“I will rise”



**Q1: In light of Jesus' resurrection,
what happens to those who have in
faith of Christ when we die?**



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

(1 Corinthians 15:17-18)



“Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”

(2 Corinthians 5:8)



When we are in Christ, we are
NEVER IN LIMBO. Jesus walks
with us every step of the way.



**First, death IMMEDIATELY followed
by rest and joy in God's presence...**

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



“And He said to him, ‘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)**



Q2: How are the dead raised?



“Thanks be to God, who gives us the
victory through our Lord Jesus
Christ!” (1 Corinthians 15:57)



**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: When will those who die in
faith of Christ be resurrected?**



1 Corinthians 15:20-23 (ESV)

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.





Firstfruits



1 Corinthians 15:50-52 (ESV)

50 I tell you this, brothers and sisters: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.



“When Christ who is your life
appears, then you also will appear
with him in glory.” (**Colossians 3:4**)



1 Corinthians 15:24-28 (ESV)

24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet” ... 28 ...that God may be all in all.



**Death does not get the final word in
anyone's story. Jesus does. He is the
Final Word.**



THREE HARVESTS

- Christ the firstfruits
- Believers at Christ's return
- Everyone else at the last day



**Q4: Is belief in the resurrection
(both Jesus' and ours) a core
Christian doctrine, or is it a take-it-
or-leave-it proposition for those who
embrace Christ?**



1 Corinthians 15:12-14 (ESV)

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.



1 Corinthians 15:15-17 (ESV)

15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.



1 Corinthians 15:18-19 (ESV)

18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied



**We are Easter people and our hope in
Jesus' resurrection is the LINCHPIN
of our faith.**



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“That I may know Him and the power
of His resurrection...”
(Philippians 3:10)

