

The Resurrection

Introduction



We're not in the land of the living
going to the land of the dying. We're
in the land of the dying trying to get
to the land of the living.

The more you live, the more you realize that life is coming to a dead end.

The bible clearly teaches that we will also rise.

1. We Will Be Different

You fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow—you are not sowing the body that will be, but only a seed, perhaps of wheat or another grain. But God gives it a body as he wants, and to each of the seeds its own body. Not all flesh is the same flesh; there is one flesh for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is different from that of the earthly ones. There is a splendor of the sun, another of the moon, and another of the stars; in fact, one star differs from another star in splendor. So it is with the resurrection of the dead: Sown in corruption, raised in incorruption; sown in dishonor, raised in glory; sown in weakness, raised in power; sown a natural body, raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

1 Corinthians 15:36–44

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Everyone everywhere wonders at one time or another, *What will happen to me when I die?*

A petrified, shriveled-up body, that is put in the ground will decompose, but one day, by the power of God, it is going to come up a glorified body.

The life that we are presently living is something along the nature of a shadow of what our resurrected body will be.

While we are merely human, we possess all of the essence of a spiritual being that one day God originally intends for us to be

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2. We Will Be Like Christ

...If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written, **The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.** However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, then the spiritual.

1 Corinthians 15:44b–49

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The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. Like the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; like the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:44b–49

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For now we see only a reflection as
in a mirror, but then face to face.
Now I know in part, but then I will
know fully, as I am fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:12

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So it is written, The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:45

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He gives a *new kind of life* where
His spirit, not our soul, is the center
of our being

However, the spiritual is not first,
but the natural, then the spiritual.

1 Corinthians 15:46

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What has taken place in our conversion in this life, will be revealed physically in us in the next.

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1 Corinthians 15:47–49

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Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he appears, we will be like him because we will see him as he is.

1 John 3:2

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3. We Will Be Victorious

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor can corruption inherit incorruption. Listen, I am telling you a mystery: We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. For this corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body must be clothed with immortality. When this corruptible body is clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body is clothed with immortality, then the saying that is written will take place:

1 Corinthians 15:50–57

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Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Where, death, is your victory?

Where, death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Corinthians 15:50–57

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The ultimate enemy of every human
body is death.

For believers, death is not the end; it is merely a doorway into eternal life.

He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him.

Colossians 2:15

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Death is no longer a source of dread
or fear.

Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, Jesus also shared in these, so that through his death he might destroy the one holding the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death.

Hebrews 2:14–15

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The promise of our resurrection assures us that the worst things are never the last things.

Conclusion

