

Philippians 3:10-11, “I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.”

**Pray to know how suffering in this life is linked to our resurrection.**

## 2) Hope for tomorrow

15:58 Suffer in the body now, in expectation of a new one.  
List the things that you suffer from right today?

- i. \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_

Heb. 11:38-40, “The world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.” **Pray to live for another world**

1 Peter 1:3-5, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.” **Pray that we know where our true, eternal, riches and rewards are, living by that power offered today.**

John Bunyan wrote of heaven in Pilgrim’s Progress. This passage is where the travelers are about to cross the river of death and see the Lord and receive their eternal inheritance. Fellow traveler, Prudence, inquired, ‘And what is it that makes you desirous to go to Mount Zion?’

Christian replied, ‘Why, it is there that I hope to see alive my Savior who hung dead on the cross. It is there that I hope to be rid of all those things that to this day are an annoyance to me. They say that in that place there is no death, and I will dwell there with the company that I like best. For, to tell you the truth, I love Him because He eased me of my burden. I am weary of my inward sickness. I desire to be where I will die no more, with a company that will continually cry, Holy, holy, holy!’”

1 Corinthians 2:9, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him.”

# The Resurrection of Christ

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1 Corinthians 15:1-58

Sermon Notes

***Sentence Sermon: To live like Christ is to live with power for today and hope for tomorrow***

We believe in the literal, bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

## **Exegetical Outline of the Resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15:1-58**

### **Paul Proclaimed the Resurrection in the Gospel. 15:1-11**

It was preached	15:1-2a	the listeners believed
It was practiced	15:1-2b	took their stand, saved
It was a priority	15:3	of first importance
It was a package	15:3b-7	death, burial, resurrection

15:8-11, For the “untimely born” verses, see supplemental notes

### **Paul Proves it Logically by If/Then Statements. 15:12-19**

15:12	“If there is no resurrection, then”	Doubt
15:13	“If there is no resurrection, then”	Christ is still dead
15:14	“If there is no resurrection, then”	Preaching is in vain
15:14	“If there is no resurrection, then”	Faith is futile
15:15	“If there is no resurrection, then”	False witness, liars
15:15	“If there is no resurrection, then”	Testify against God
15:16	“If there is no resurrection, then”	No propitiation
15:17	“If there is no resurrection, then”	Still in your sins
15:18	“If there is no resurrection, then”	No hope for dead
15:19	“If there is no resurrection, then”	No hope for today

However, if these logical statements are put in the positive, we are certain that Christ is alive and has paid for our sins. We tell the truth about the Gospel and about God, and about heaven, hell and future judgment. We have hope for those loved ones who have preceded us to heaven and we also have power for living today and a realistic hope for tomorrow. Praise God!

**Paul Proves it Through Christ, the Firstfruits. 15:20-34**

15:20 Christ has **RISEN** as the *first fruits* of those asleep  
Firstfruits: first, best, and promise of more to come!

15:21-22 Christ has **REVERSED** the curse inherited by the first Adam  
Death entered by one man, to all men through Adam  
Christ, the Second Adam, reversed that curse

15:23 Christ will **RETURN**, we will follow

15:24-28 Christ will **RULE**, we will submit

15:29 Interlude: What about baptism for the dead? “*They*” who practice this are inconsistent in their own practices. Paul is not saying he did it, but critics of his did do this practice. One of 35 answers!

15:30-34 Encouragement to keep on keeping on  
15:30-32 Motivational accountability  
15:33-34 Moral accountability.

**Paul’s Practical Answers. 15:35-49**

**15:35 Question 2 answered: “And with what kind of body?”**

15:36-38 Continuity . . . . but transformation (see supplemental notes)  
15:36 Must die first (for the seed to become a tree)  
15:37 Sow with expectation of harvest  
15:38 God with ‘clothe’ the seed that died

15:39-41 Glory appropriate to body type (with a predictable outcome)

15:42-49 Change appropriate to new nature  
15:42 Sown perishable, raised imperishable  
15:43a Sown in dishonor, raised in glory  
15:43b Sown in weakness, raised in power  
15:44 Sown natural, raised spiritual  
15:47 Sown ‘earthly’, raised heavenly

15:47 Interlude: your earthly, dusty body is only worth about \$8.56. We spend a lot of time and money on our physical bodies, which need to be kept “operational”, but Paul would say we are guaranteed to see decay. This decay may even help our Christian life – see 2 Cor. 4:16-5:10.

**15:35 Question 1 answered: “How are the dead raised?”**

15:50 By God’s principles not flesh and blood, not earthly

15:51 By God’s power we will all be changed

15:52 By God’s process in the twinkling of an eye

15:53 By God’s pattern patterned after heaven, imperishable

15:55 By God’s protection death is no longer victorious

15:56 By God’s promise power for today, through Christ

15:57 The result of all of this? *Thankfulness*. Christ can and will!

**Practical Applications of the Resurrection**

**1) Power for today**

- 15:58 Commitment to carry on
- 15:58 Careless abandon for our earthly tent
- 15:58 Confidence in future rewards (only?)
- 15:14 Compassion for vain religions
- 15:15 Concern for those facing future judgment
- 15:16 Compassion for the lost, warning them

John 5:28-29, “*Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.*” **Pray for your lost family, friends and neighbors.**

Ephesians 1:18, “*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.*” **Pray to know and live by the power Christ offers.**