

What does it mean to believe in the Resurrection?

Of Jesus...and ours?

I Corinthians 15

Where are they now?

- Old Testament: Sheol – a dismal place
- Laster Judaism: Good Sheol and bad sheol
- New Testament: Sleep? Is this a metaphor or reality?

Where are they now?

- Philippians 1:23: “I desire to depart and be with Christ,”
- 2 Corinthians 5:8: “away from the body and at home with the Lord.”
- Luke 23:43: “Today you will be with me in paradise”

What do we mean by
resurrection?

AND

What does it mean for us?

Old Testament raising from the dead

Elijah (I Kings 17:17-24)



Jesus Raised 3 people from the dead

Woman's son (Luke 7:11-16)

Jairus' daughter (Luke 8:41-54; Mark 5:21-43)

Lazarus (John 11: 38-44)

Dead Saints (Matthew 27:52-53)



Other biblical raisings from the dead

Peter: Tabitha or Dorcas
(Acts 9:36-42)

Paul: Eutychus (Acts
20:9-12)



1 Corinthians 15

- The resurrection of Christ as historical fact which has been passed down (1-11)

The basis of it all

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

(1 Corinthians 15:1-2)

The basis of it all

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

The basis of it all

Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

(1 Corinthians 15:11)

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- The resurrection of Christians finds its source in Christ's resurrection (12-34)

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- The resurrection body will be imperishable as His is (35-53)

1 Corinthians 15:35-53

- His resurrection body
 - Imperishable and immortal (vs. 42, 54)
 - Glorious (vs. 43)
 - Powerful (vs. 43)
 - Spiritual (vs. 44)
 - Likeness of the man from heaven (vs. 49)

We will be like Jesus!

1 Corinthians 15

- The resurrection body will be imperishable as His is (35-53)
- The results of the resurrection are that death will be swallowed up in victory (54-57)

Result

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”[[]

“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

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

(1 Corinthians 15:54-57)

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

What is the resurrection?

The resurrection is NOT the resuscitation of Jesus' earthly body, it is the transformation of a human body from a natural, sin-effected body to a completely new entity. This has happened to one person at one time in history; i.e. Jesus. But is going to happen to us!

What does it mean to believe in the resurrection?

- This is NOT simply mental assent to a historical fact...although it includes this
- When we believe in Jesus Christ, we receive eternal life—guaranteed by the Holy Spirit
- THEREFORE, we can live the resurrection life today. The life of peace, joy, forgiveness, justice, self-sacrifice, etc now.

