



Class 5, Wednesday, April 26, 2023

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2. We need not be alarmed by bad news. Jesus is in control.
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6. **Eternity.** (25:46)

A Key Passage on the Resurrection: 1 Corinthians 15

Truths from 1 Corinthians 15:1-58

Biblical definition: A resurrection is what happened to Jesus, a return to life in a new immortal body. It is also what will happen to believers at death or at Jesus’ return, *whichever comes first.**

1. The **g**_____. 15:1-11
2. The **r**_____ of the **r**_____. 15:12-34
 - Jesus is the proof. If there is no resurrection, then Jesus was not raised, and our faith is in vain. But Jesus was raised, the first of many. 15:12-28
 - If there is no resurrection, why are there ceremonies like baptism for the dead? Why do believers endanger their lives? They may as well eat and drink and die. 15:29-34
3. The **r**_____ **b**_____. 15:35-57
 - a. It’s similar to but different than our current body. 15:35-41) (*Think of Jesus!*)
 - b. It’s immortal and not mortal. 15:42-49
 - c. We will all be changed in an instant at the last trumpet. (15:50-57)
4. Therefore: **S**_____ **f**_____! The Bible was not written to satisfy curiosity but to serve a purpose. “Give yourself fully to the work of the Lord!” *It’s not YOLO; it’s BLT!*

**When.* Some verses point to the resurrection at the end of the age. Others teach that we go immediately to be with Jesus. When do we get our resurrected bodies? There are three theories:

1. The s_____ s_____ theory.
2. The d_____ s_____ theory.
3. I_____. “Eternity” is not bound by the rules of this universe. At death or Jesus’ return, we are transported to eternity to be with God in our resurrected bodies. In other words, we all g_____.



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