

WELCOME!

"REDISCOVERIN G the RESURRECTION"

REVIEW:

Share 1 thing you learned (so far) with one or two folks sitting near to you!



RESURRECTION AS AN UNCOMFORTABLE SURPRISE...



TODAY'S CLASS

1) OUR RESURRECTION (1 Corinthians 15)

2) RESURRECTION LIVING (Romans 6)

A DEEP DIVE INTO I CORINTHIANS 15

AND

OUR RESURRECTION



FEEL FREE TO:

• INTERRUPT US!

• ASK QUESTIONS

• AGREE/DISAGREE

>>1 CORINTHIANS 15 – OUTLINE<<</p>

Resurrection Facts (vv 1-11)
Resurrection "Jenga" (vv 12-20)
Resurrection Two-Step (vv 21-28)
Resurrection Bodies (vv 35-49)
Resurrection Glory (vv 50-58)

RESURRECTION FACTS (vv 3-8)

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.



RESURRECTION "JENGA" (vv 12-13)

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead ... **THEN WHAT???**

The "Jenga" of Jesus' Resurrection (vv 13-19)

¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain ... ¹⁷and you are still in your sins, ¹⁸ and those who have [fallen asleep] in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

The "Jenga" of Jesus' Resurrection (v. 20)

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,

the **first fruits** of those who have [fallen asleep].





"ASLEEP IN CHRIST"

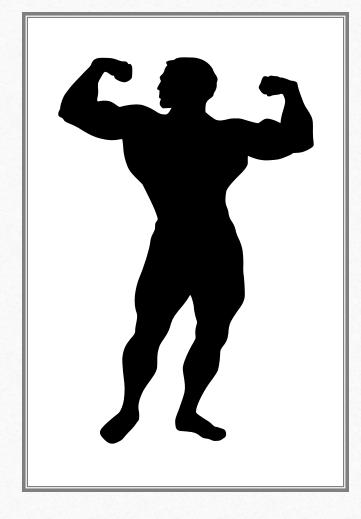
RESURRECTION TWO-STEP (vv 22-26)

²² For as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ... ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

• Jesus' resurrection didn't happen according to expectations

 Christians re-worked resurrection belief around their experience of Jesus: Jesus is raised first, in time, as the inauguration of God's final transformation of the world
-- and everyone else would be raised at the End

• "First fruits" is an agricultural harvest image. When the crop starts to come in, there are the "first fruits" – the first sheaves of wheat, the first ears of corn.



RESURRECTION BODIES ("The Message", vv 35-38)

Some skeptic is sure to ask, "Show me how resurrection works. Give me a diagram; draw me a picture. What does this 'resurrection body' look like?" If you look at this question closely, you realize how absurd it is. There are no diagrams for this kind of thing.

RESURRECTION BODIES (vv 35-38) ("The Message")

We do have a parallel experience in gardening. You plant a "dead" seed; soon there is a flourishing plant. There is no visual likeness between seed and plant. You could never guess what a tomato would look like by looking at a tomato seed. What we plant in the soil and what grows out of it don't look anything alike. The dead body that we bury in the ground and the resurrection body that comes from it will be dramatically different.

RESURRECTION BODIES (vv 42-44)

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead.

What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory.

It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body.

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RESURRECTION **BODIES (vv 45-49)** ⁴⁵ It is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ... ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven... ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

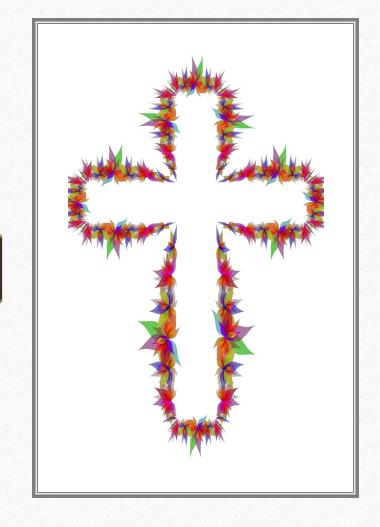
RESURRECTION GLORY (vv 51-52)

⁵¹ Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all [fall asleep] but we will 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 will be changed.

RESURRECTION GLORY (vv 53-55)

⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"



RESURRECTION GLORY (vv 57)

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



QUESTIONS COMMENTS & CONFUSIONS ?





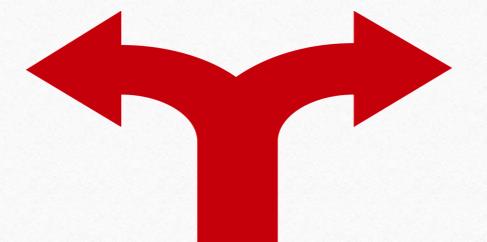
- ROMANS 6:4 -

"Therefore ... just as Christ was raised from the dead

by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life."



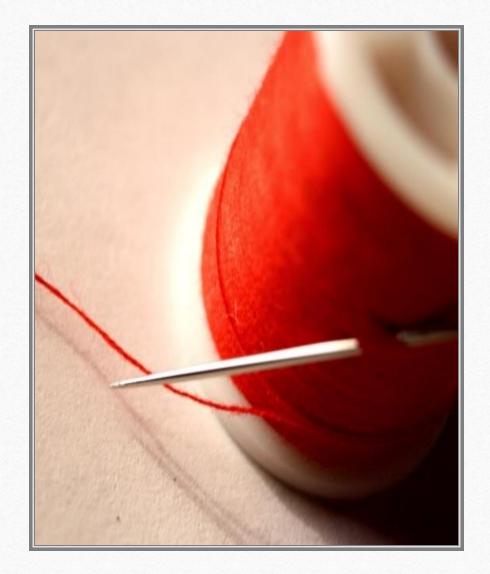
SO: LIVE THAT WAY! WALK THAT WAY!



Eugene Peterson: 'Practice Resurrection Daily"

"Since many threads are stronger than one, God has put me on a sewing team.

Day by day, our job is to hunt the places where the world is ripped and bend over the damage to do what we can. Every good deed, every kind word, every act of justice and compassion tugs the torn edges closer together." BBTaylor



WHAT WAY???

SMALL GROUPS Come up with 2-3 thoughts on what Resurrection Living looks like

> Galatians 5:19-25 Matthew 5:1-11 Romans 12:9-16 Colossians 3:12-15



"The pt. of the resurrection... is that the present bodily life is not valueless just because it will

die... "

"What you do with your body in the present matters because God has a great future in store for it... What you do in the present—by painting, preaching, singing, sewing, praying, teaching, building hospitals, digging wells, campaigning for justice, writing poems, caring for the needy, loving your <u>neighbor</u> as yourself—will last into God's future." — N. T. Wright



QUESTIONS

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COMMENTS?