

The Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting

Series: I Believe (The Apostles Creed)

Discussion Questions

What is on your bucket list?

- Bucket lists only exist because of one sobering fact: we are all going to die.
- Death is the ultimate reference point.
- Death is always at the back of our minds.
- What emotions are associated with death?

Read the Apostle's Creed together:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into death.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

What is the focus of the last two lines of the Apostle's Creed?

Read the following passages about the new heavens and the new earth.

- Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-44.
What example does he use to explain the resurrection body?
What does the example of the seed mean for the resurrection of the body?
How is the resurrection body described in vs. 42-44?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.

When will we get this resurrection body?

What are we to do in the meantime?

- Read Revelation 21:1-8
What do you think the difference between heaven and the new heaven and a new earth?
How is the new heaven and new earth described?
Which descriptors inspire you most?
What does the end of verse 6 remind us about?
- Read Hebrews 2:14-15.
What did the death of Jesus accomplish regarding the devil? ...regarding us?
What does fear of death do in a person?
How are we delivered from fear of death?

Through the resurrection, Jesus changes death from an ending to a beginning!

- Read John 5:24.
When does one receive eternal life?

Is your ultimate reference point death or life? How do you know?
How does “life” become your ultimate reference point?