

From Death to Life

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Read: 1 Corinthians 15:12–19

1 Cor. 15:12 “How do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?”

- A universal resurrection.

John 5:28–29 ²⁸ “Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, ²⁹ and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.

Daniel 12:2 ² “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting contempt.

On the resurrection hinges the validation of the gospel.

1 Cor. 15:17 “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.”

- Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus is required for salvation.

Romans 10:9 ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

What is salvation?

- He will save His people from their sins
- The wages of sin is death
- You were dead in your trespasses and sins
- Sin separates a man from God & therefore from the life of God.
 - This separation can be eternal (the second death)

2 Thessalonians 1:8–9 Dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

John 3:17–18 ¹⁷ “For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been **judged already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Salvation is Life! Resurrection Life! Eternal Life!

1 Cor. 15:17–18 “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.”

No one escapes death. It is appointed unto man once to die, then to be judged. Death is relentless. Hades (the grave) is never satisfied, but Jesus has the keys of death and of hades.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

John 11:25 (NIV) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.

Evidence of life!

The evidence for the truth of the gospel is the lives of those who have received the life of Christ. We have passed from death to life – He came to give life and to give it in abundance – we have been raised with Christ!!!

For evidence, look no farther than the life of Paul! Look no farther than my own life!

A Living Hope!

1 Cor. 15:19 "If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied."

1 Peter 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,

2 Timothy 4:8 In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Romans 8:18 (NIV) ¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

2 Peter 3:13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Read / Reference Revelation 21:1–7

An Eternal Reminder of Grace.

Isaiah 66:24 "Then they will go forth and look On the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm will not die And their fire will not be quenched; And they will be an abhorrence to all mankind."