

What We Believe

Resurrection

From *anastasis* which means “to stand up” or “to rise”.

It refers to a dead physical body rising from the grave and being rejoined with the human spirit. (not the spirit)

In Christian theology, it refers to Christ rising physically from the grave, and later to the believers’ resurrection.

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Romans 1:4 – Proof that Jesus is the Son of God

“Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, *and* declared *to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

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Philippians 3:20-21 – the guarantee of our Resurrection

“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”

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John 5:28-29 – All will be resurrected

“For the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”

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Hippolytus (170-235 AD)

“He will accomplish a resurrection of all, not by transferring souls into other bodies, but by raising the bodies themselves.”

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1 John 4:2-3 – Christ’s resurrection is a test for truth

“By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God.”

(Perfect tense – past completed action with abiding results in the present)

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2 John 7 – A test for sound doctrine

“I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.”

(Present participle = continuous).

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Athenagoras (2nd century AD)

“Christ Jesus, ...in the...resurrection from the dead,
and the ascension into heaven in the flesh of the
beloved Christ Jesus, our Lord.”

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Clemente of Alexandria (195 AD)

“In the resurrection, the soul returns to the body, and both are joined to one another.”

Tertullian (197 AD)

“You will also allow that it was in the flesh that Christ was raised from the dead. For the very same body that fell in death, and which lay in the sepulcher, did rise again.” (stigmata scars)

Theophilus (2nd century AD)

“When thou shalt have put off the mortal, and put on incorruption, then shalt thou see God worthily. For God will raise thy flesh immortal with thy soul.”

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- **1 Corinthians 15:1-58 – Corinthians had trouble with resurrection**
- Resurrection is the heart of the Gospel (v1-2; Rom 1:16; 4:25; 10:9)
- Jesus “died for our sins”, “was buried”, and “rose again the third day according to the Scriptures” (v3-4, Mt 12; Acts 2:25-35 (cf. Ps 16; Ps 110); Acts 13:32-34 cf. Ps 2:7 and Ps 16:8-11)
- Evidence of the resurrection (v5-11; “Has seen”, eyewitnesses, stolen, swoon, hallucination, wrong tomb, substitution)
- The Importance of the Resurrection (v12-19)
- Christ is our “first-fruits” and first in Order of resurrection (v20-26, Lev 23)

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1 Corinthians 15:1-58

- Paul's seed analogy (v35-38) – identity, more glorious
- The glory of the resurrection body (v39-41)
- Secondary qualities changed (42-44); “Spiritual body” (44) – source vs substance, *soma*); and *suited for* heaven (v45-49)
- The resurrection (or transformation) is victory over death (v50-55)

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Nature of the Resurrection Body and Comparison

<u>Reincarnation</u>	<u>Resuscitation</u>	<u>Resurrection</u>
Change <i>of</i> body	No change	Change <i>in</i> body
Primary qualities	No change	Secondary qualities
Another mortal body	Same mortal body	Same immortal body
Multiple deaths	Two deaths	Die once (or 2x)
Continual Process	Rare event	Final State
Viewed as liability	Preferred for loved ones	Positive gain
NAM, Hinduism	John 11 - Lazarus	1 Cor 15:35-58