

“What Happens After a Believer Dies?”

1 Corinthians 15

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“...and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.”

—The Nicene Creed, 325

Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A 1: That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.

—Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

At Death...

the souls of those who have trusted Christ for salvation pass immediately into His presence and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming for the Church, when soul and body reunited shall be associated with Him forever in glory. The souls of unbelievers remain in conscious misery after death until the final judgment at the great white throne at the close of the millennium, when souls and body reunited shall be cast into the lake of fire, not to be annihilated, but to be separated from God forever in conscious punishment.

—First Bible Church Constitution, 1965

1 Corinthians 15 is an example of how _____ precision leads to faithful _____.

This chapter shows at least three ways _____ leads to _____:

1. The _____ of Christ’s resurrection strengthens our faith and empowers our sanctification.
2. The _____ of our future resurrection comforts us in trials.
3. The _____ of our future resurrection draws our hearts into worshipful wonder at God’s glorious work.