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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor June 10, 2018



1 Corinthians 15 shows us...

- Because of the historical evidence for the resurrection we can believe in Jesus Christ.
- Because of Christ's resurrection, death is dying & in Christ we too can experience resurrection when He returns.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:35 (NLT) But someone may ask, "How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?"

Question: What will the resurrection entail for those who place their trust in Jesus Christ?

• Our bodies will be transformed:

1 Corinthians 15:36-44 What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first. ³⁷ And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. ³⁸ Then God gives it the new body he wants it to have. A different plant grows from each kind of seed. 39 Similarly there are different kinds of flesh-one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are also bodies in the heavens and bodies on the earth. The glory of the heavenly bodies is different from the glory of the earthly bodies. ⁴¹ The sun has one kind of glory, while the moon and stars each have another kind. And even the stars differ from each other in their glory. 42 lt is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. ⁴³ Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. 44 They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.

Our bodies will resemble the resurrected Christ:

1 Corinthians 15:45-50

⁵⁰ What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever.

Our bodily <u>resurrection</u> will take place when Christ <u>returns</u>:

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! ⁵² It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. ⁵³ For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. ⁵⁴ Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. ⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 21:3-5

Big Idea: Let the hope of <u>resurrection transformation</u>, <u>transform</u> how you live today.

1 Corinthians 15:58 "So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing vou do for the Lord is ever useless."

So in light of the hope of the resurrection how should we live?

- Give yourself fully to Christ and His Kingdom.
 - By being strong and immovable.
 - By working enthusiastically.
 - By making Jesus Christ your <u>highest priority</u>.