

Resurrection Sunday
1 Corinthians 15:1-14 & 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10
“For We Know. . .”
March 31, 2024

1 Cor 15:2 If Christ be not raised from the dead, then our belief is in vain, i.e., *for nothing*. Instead of teaching conditional justification, this verse teaches that *the deliverance of our lives from the power of the flesh hinges on the power from the resurrection*.

See **Romans 1:16,17** “from faith to faith” Justification is by faith, and so is the daily Christian life, which is our sanctification.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 The “outer man” is our physical body; the “inner man” is the You that is living inside your body. What things did the Apostle Paul consider “momentary, light affliction?” See **2 Cor 11:23-28**. If you, like Paul, have ever felt the “daily pressure upon me of concern” when you see a fellow believer living life out of fellowship with God, then you have experienced a measure of the affliction that works for you for an eternal weight of glory.

Outer man

Decaying
Momentary affliction
Things seen
Temporary
Earthly tent

Inner man

Renewed day by day
Eternal glory
Things not seen
Eternal
Heavenly building

5:1 “For we know...” Of two common words for “know,” Paul uses *oida*, knowing by seeing, or by revelation; he does not use *ginosko*, knowing by careful study. The Holy Spirit, given to us as a pledge, reveals the resurrection to us.

Our “outer man” is parallel to a “tent,” a temporary structure without a foundation. See **Heb 11:9,10**.

“Not made with hands” means “not of this creation.” See **Mark 14:58, Acts 17:24, Hebrews 9:11**.

Our resurrection bodies will be “not of this creation!!”

Jesus: Visible wounds- **John 20:27**

Could be touched- **Luke 24:39**

Ate food- **Luke 24:43**

Appeared and disappeared at will- **Luke 24:31**

Went through walls/doors- **John 20:19**

“Space” travel- **Acts 1:9**

Vv 2-4 Though opinions differ, what I believe to be the most fitting interpretation is that Paul is stating his preference to be raptured, and to immediately trade his temporary house for his permanent one, and not to be found “naked,” i.e., without a body, a transitory state for the believer who dies before the rapture takes place. See 1 Cor 15:51-55.

Vv 5-8 Nevertheless, even with death occurring before the Parousia, or “coming in the clouds” of Jesus, we will be with the Lord.

7 “for we walk by faith, not by sight—” In our bodies now, we are with the Lord, yet not in a physical way, as we will be once in our resurrection bodies.

What will happen to believers?

Currently: “In this tent,” “home in the body,” “absent from the Lord” (a physical absence)

If Jesus comes back now: instant change into new house; with the Lord forever

If tent collapses first, “absent from the body,” “at home with the Lord,” temporarily “unclothed” until the Parousia.

Vv 9,10 Our goal is to be pleasing to Jesus in this life, and also at the Bema Seat; “we must all appear” i.e., we must be manifest, or revealed, at His Judgement Seat. “bad” = worthless, literally.

Of tantamount importance is that our desire to be pleasing to Him is our motivation for right living; lists of rules or mandates for behavior have not strength in overcoming the pervasive power of the flesh.

Consider the man or woman that is not born again. . .

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How are you living your life?