

# I Believe

## The Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting

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**Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (ESV)

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### Notes:

#### **The Apostles Creed**

*I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
Was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven  
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
**The resurrection of the body  
And the life everlasting.**  
Amen!*

#### Reunion with the body

- Question about death
- Promise of resurrection
- Literal, bodily resurrection
- Resurrection reunites body and soul

#### Reunion with the body of Christ

- All will be raised to life
- Not all will be raised in Christ

*Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.*

—John 5:28-29

#### Reunion with Christ

- The grand announcement
- Face to face...finally!
- More than forever

#### New City Catechism

- Q52: What hope does everlasting life hold for us?
- A: It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

So what?

While we wait, we encourage, urge, beg, appeal, implore, etc.

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

—Revelation 21:1-4

#### This Week

- What needs to change in your life to reflect the truth of resurrection and life everlasting?
- Who in your life would benefit from hearing this news?