

“The Resurrection: Its Reality and Our Hope”
1 Corinthians 15:1-23; 35-58

The Christian does not need to fear death. We have a hope. We have a joyous anticipation in the face of sorrow. We are comforted by the fact that we will see believing loved ones again someday. What makes this all possible? The resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15 provides clear and logical arguments for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And because Christ rose from the dead, every believer has the guarantee that he too will experience a bodily resurrection and be with Christ forever. In this chapter Paul gives us two reminders that will provide us with the hope that we so desperately need today.

- I. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a reality to be believed (v. 1-19).**
 - A. The proofs of Christ’s resurrection (vv. 3-10).**

 - B. The importance of Christ’s resurrection (vv. 12-19).**

- II. The resurrection of our bodies is a hope to be claimed (v. 20-23; 35-58).**
 - A. Because of Christ’s resurrection, our own resurrection is assured (vv. 20-23).**

 - B. Our resurrection body will be different from our present earthly body (vv. 35-57).**

 - C. Our future resurrection should encourage us to remain faithful in our work for the Lord (v. 58).**