

## WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.



### FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What part of the review was most helpful and why?
2. Of the three examples of belief in the resurrection, which do you like best? Reasons?
3. Of the examples of the resurrection body, which is most useful to you and why?
4. What do you like most about the comparison of the natural and spiritual body?
5. Does anything stand out to you as an “a-ha” from this study?

### BELIEVE

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### TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES

1. The resurrection of the LORD and the PROMISE of the same for His followers is the centerpiece of Christianity.
2. There are LOGICAL reasons for believing in the resurrection.

### LET'S REVIEW

1. SOME in the Corinthian church did not believe in the BODILY resurrection.

*1Cor. 15:12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?*

2. Paul had shared the good news that Jesus had indeed been RAISED from the dead; that there is PLENTY of evidence for that resurrection; and, in fact, that the raising of Jesus was just the BEGINNING of many good things that God has planned.

3. A bodily resurrection was CONTRARY to the Greek philosophy of Paul's day, but it was an Old Testament CONCEPT that was understood clearly by most early Christians.

*Job 19:26 And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; Acts 2:31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.*

## EXAMPLES THAT PEOPLE DO BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION

1Cor. 15:29 Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them? 30 And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? 31 I face death every day—yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord. 32 If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” 33 Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” 34 Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame.

**Example #1:** Some people were so SURE of the resurrection (afterlife) that they were being baptized for DEAD loved ones. (Note that the Corinthians had a fascination with BAPTISM. The word “baptize” is used in 10 verses in the letters of the New Testament and 8 of those verses are in 1 Corinthians.)

1Cor. 1:13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

1Cor. 10:1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

1Cor. 12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

— It was possibly the JEWISH Christians among the church who held this view because of HISTORICAL practices and Judas Maccabees (2Macc. 12:43-45).

— Paul was not PROMOTING baptizing for the dead but he used it as an EXAMPLE of how important the resurrection is to some people.

**Example #2:** Paul himself proved his BELIEF in the resurrection by facing DEATH daily for Christ.

— Did Paul actually FIGHT wild beasts? (Some believe that Paul did fight ANIMALS in the arena, and others believe that the wild beasts were the crazed PEOPLE of Ephesus.)

**Example #3:** ONLY the ungodly say, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” The Corinthians were followers of Christ who didn’t LIVE like this!

Isaiah 22:13 . . . “Let us eat and drink,” you say, “for tomorrow we die!”

## EXAMPLES OF THE RESURRECTION BODY

1Cor. 15:35 But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” 36 How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. 39 Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. 40 There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. 41 The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

Although Christians common ask “what kind of body will we have in heaven?”, Paul thinks it’s a FOOLISH question.

**Example #1:** A SEED planted in the GROUND. (Jesus had used this SAME illustration!)

John 12:23 Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

What happens to a seed? It DIES; it rots; new LIFE springs from it; the new “BODY” produces the same “seeds”; the new body is consistent with every TYPE of seed.

**Example #2:** There are different types of FLESH (animals, birds, fish, etc.). God has a specific flesh for the AFTERLIFE.

**Example #3:** God is LIMITLESS with creating bodies (sun, moon, stars, etc.). Each one is UNIQUE, and yet SIMILAR.

## A “PICTURE” OF YOUR FUTURE BODY

1Cor. 15:42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

Your Current Body	Your New Body
1. Perishable/dying	1. Imperishable
2. Dishonor	2. Glory
3. Weakness	3. Power
Natural (ψυχικός, psychikos)	Spiritual (πνευματικός, pneumatikos)
If you are sure of this one.	You can also be sure of this one.