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Wrestling with hard truths

Kim Henderson | Nashville Christians cling to the hope of the gospel amid overwhelming sorrow



"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live.

Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

(John 6:25,26)

A photograph of an empty tomb. The interior of the tomb is visible, showing a stone slab rolled away and a white cloth draped over the edge of the stone. The walls are made of rough, textured stone. A bright light comes from an opening in the rock, illuminating the scene. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and new life.

Resurrection Reality
1 Corinthians 15

Mushy Truth



The truth matters.

**It directly impacts what we
believe, value, and do.**

**In other words, it affects
how and what we live our lives for.**

The Main Idea:

Paul wants to reorient their expectations regarding the coming resurrection by focusing on the nature of the resurrected body to come.

Primary Argument:

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the promise of our resurrection from the dead and Christ's total victory over sin and death.

The empty tomb is full of power.

35 But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? What kind of body will they have when they come?” CSB

**Read along in your Bible
1 Corinthians 15:35-49**

36 You fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 And as for what you sow—you are not sowing the body that will be, but only a seed, perhaps of wheat or another grain. (CSB)

...^{36b} What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow – you are not sowing the body that will be, but only a seed, perhaps of wheat or another grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he wants, and to each of the seeds its own body.

(CSB)



39 Not all flesh is the same flesh; there is one flesh for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.

40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is different from that of the earthly ones. 41 There is a splendor of the sun, another of the moon, and another of the stars; in fact, one star differs from another star in splendor. (CSB)

4² So it is with the resurrection of the dead: Sown in corruption, raised in incorruption; 4³ sown in dishonor, raised in glory; sown in weakness, raised in power; 4⁴ sown a natural body, raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. (CSB)

4⁵ So it is written, The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 4⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, then the spiritual. 4⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 4⁸ Like the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; like the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. 4⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. (CSB)

**“¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his
one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish
but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NIV)**

**And this is the will of him who sent me, that I
shall lose none of all those he has given me, but
raise them up at the last day (John 6:39 CSB)**

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“² Dear friends, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he appears, we will be like him because we will see him as he is.”

(1 John 3:2 CSB)

Application:

**The best picture of what we will be,
is the one we behold & adore
in the Scriptures, Jesus.**

Our redeemer is faithful and true...
Oh, that our hearts would rejoice in his promises!