

## 1 Corinthians 14

1. Concerning the resurrection, what was the problem of the Corinthian Christians?

-They were confused regarding the resurrection of Christians.

2. Even though our brothers and sisters in Christ may have many problems, what should we remember?

-That they are still a part of God's family and our family.

3. Does 1 Corinthians 15:2 teach us that we can lose our salvation?

-No.

-It is by God's power that we are saved, and it is by God's power that we are kept saved.

4. Why does the Old Testament speak many times of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ?

-God wants us to know that He planned the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ from eternity past to teach us of His love for us and His eternal desire to save us all.

5. How else do we know for sure that Christ rose from the dead?

-He appeared to Peter, to the twelve apostles, to more than 500 brothers and sisters in Christ, to James (the brother of Christ), and to all of the apostles.

6. How should all Christians, like Paul, understand our sin?

-While we should not forget that the death and blood of Christ has completely paid for our sins, we should also not forget all that God has saved us from.

7. How is the resurrection of Christ the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep or died?

-Because Christ rose from the dead, He is the first to be resurrected, after which all Christians will be resurrected.

8. As the first fruits demanded that the rest of harvest be completed, what does Christ's resurrection demand?

-That all Christians be resurrected as well.

-In this lesson, we will continue to study 1 Corinthians 15.

-As we learned last lesson, the Christians in Corinth had a problem regarding the resurrection of Christians.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 15:35

35-But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?"

-How could God ever bring life back to a dead body?

-This question is like the question that Paul asked King Agrippa:

-"Why is it considered incredible among you people if God does raise the dead?" (Acts 26:8).

-For all Christians, there are two resurrections.

-What are the two resurrections for the Christian?

-One is the resurrection of the spirit, and the other is the resurrection of the body.

-First, concerning the resurrection of the spirit:

-When we believe in Christ, God gives us a new spirit to replace our old, sinful spirit.

-We know this from 2 Corinthians 5:17:

-“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

-Our spirits were dead in Adam, but Christ has resurrected them from the dead.

-When we Christians die, what happens to our spirit?

-Because our belief in Christ has resurrected our spirit in Christ, our spirit remains completely one with Christ.

-Because our belief in Christ has resurrected our spirit in Christ, there is no change for our spirit.

-When the thief on the cross asked Jesus to remember him when Christ came into His kingdom, this is what Jesus answered:

-“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43).

-The spirit of the thief who died with Christ was immediately united with the spirit of Christ.

-When the Jews stoned Stephen, here is what he said:

-“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!” and the spirit of Stephen was immediately united with Christ (Acts 7:59).

-For Christians, what about the resurrection of the body?

-God through Paul will now answer this question.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 15:36

36-How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

-Why does the Word of God call the Corinthians foolish?

-Because it is foolish if we think that God who has created all life cannot bring the dead back to life.

-In Luke 7, Jesus raised the widow's son from death unto life.

-In Luke 8, Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from death unto life.

-In John 11, Jesus raised Lazarus from death unto life.

-Not only can God create life, but He can also bring life back to that which was dead.

-To help us understand the resurrection of the body, the Word of God gives us an example of planting.

-How does planting seed teach us about resurrection of our bodies?

-For a plant to grow, the seed must first die.

-It is the death of the seed that gives life to the plant.

-Jesus also taught this when He said:

-“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces much fruit” (John 12:24).

-For Christ, His body was crucified, and died on the cross.

-When He was resurrected three days and three nights later, Christ appeared to the apostles with His new resurrected body.

-What happens to the body of a Christian when we die?

-Our bodies will be buried, waiting for the resurrection of the bodies of all Christians.

-When will our bodies be resurrected?

-When Christ returns to earth.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 15:37-38

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.

-If a farmer plants maize seed, will the plants that come up be different from maize?

-No.

-Maize seed can only produce maize plants, and rice seed can only produce rice plants.

-Will our resurrected bodies be the bodies that we have here on earth?

-Yes.

-How do we know that our resurrected body will be the body that we have here on earth?

-Because when Christ was resurrected, His disciples recognized Him.

-Jesus showed His disciples the scars on His feet and hands as well as the scar on His side where they had pierced Him.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 15:39-41

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.

-While our resurrected body will be the body that we have here on earth, our resurrected body will be greatly changed.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 15:42-44

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.

-How will our resurrected bodies be changed?

-Our resurrected bodies will be like the resurrected body

of Christ.

-How is the resurrected body of Christ?

-The resurrected body of Christ is both physical and spiritual, perfect, glorious, powerful, eternal, and clothed with light.

-The resurrected bodies of all Christians will be physical and spiritual, perfect, glorious, powerful, eternal, and clothed with light.

-Let us look at Christ's body after His resurrection:

-Christ's resurrected body was a body of flesh and bones.

-After Jesus' resurrection, He said this to His disciples:

-“Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have” (Luke 24:39).

-Christ's resurrected body could be touched and felt.

-After Jesus' resurrection, He said this to Thomas:

-“Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing” (John 20:27).

-With His resurrected body, Christ ate with His disciples.

-While the disciples still did not believe, Christ said to them, “Have you any food here?” (Lk 24:41).

-With His resurrected body, Christ could enter closed rooms without opening the doors.

-As the disciples were afraid of the Jews, they were in a room with the doors shut when Jesus came, stood in their midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you” (John 20:19).

-With His resurrected body, Christ was able to disappear.

-When He sat down to eat with the two disciples whom He had met on the road to Emmaus, Christ blessed the bread, gave it to the men, and then disappeared (Luke 24:31).

-With His resurrected body, Christ never needed rest nor food, even though He ate with His disciples.

-With His resurrected body, Christ was able to ascend to heaven.

-After Christ finished speaking with His disciples, He ascended to heaven while His disciples looked on (Acts 1:9).

-Our resurrected bodies will never get tired, never get sick, never die, and will be able to do more than we can even imagine.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

45-So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being;” the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

46-The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.

47-The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven.

48-As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven.

49-And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

-Who is the first man?

-Adam.

-As children of Adam, we are of the flesh, of the earth, of the dust of the earth, and bear the image of Adam.

-Who is the second man, the last man, the last Adam?

-Christ.

-As Christians are children of Christ, we are of the spirit, of heaven, and bear the image of Christ.

-Just as Adam was the beginning of all physical life for people, the Lord Jesus is the beginning of a new people who will be raised from the dead with spiritual bodies.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 15:50

50-I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

-Why can our earthly bodies not inherit the kingdom of God?

-Because they are of flesh and blood and will die.

-This is why God will change our physical and earthly bodies which will die to become spiritual and heavenly bodies which will never die.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 15:51-53

51-Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—

52-In a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

53-For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

-When the Word of God says that “we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,” does this mean all people?

-No.

-The Bible is written for all people, and all people may read it.

-The Old Testament is written for all people, and in the New Testament, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts are written for all people.

-After Acts, however, and beginning with Romans, all of the rest of the books in the New Testament are written only to Christians.

-Therefore, in the New Testament, when the Word of God says, “We,” it means only Christians.

-Only Christians will not all sleep, and only Christians will all be changed.

-When the Word of God talks about mystery, what does it mean?

-A mystery is a truth that was unknown in the time of the Old Testament, but later revealed by the Holy Spirit after Jesus returned to heaven.

-What is the mystery that God through Paul speaks of in 1 Corinthians 15:51?

-For Christians who are alive when Christ returns, they will go straight to heaven without dying.

-The words “not all will sleep” mean that not all will die.

-For Christians whose bodies have died, their spirits are already in heaven, yet their bodies will be raised to

heaven.

-When Christ returns, the trumpet will sound, and Christ will remove all Christians from the earth, taking them straight to heaven.

-In the time of the Old Testament, Israel's army used trumpets to call soldiers together.

-In the same way, when Christ returns, a trumpet will sound to call all Christians together.

-Christ will raise the bodies of Christians who have died and will gather Christians who are still living, give us all eternal bodies, and take us home with Him to heaven.

-This will happen in the smallest measure of time or the "twinkling of an eye."

-When Christ returns and takes all Christians to heaven, will this be the end of time?

-No.

-After Christ returns and takes all Christians to heaven, the final death of Satan and the end of all death must happen.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 15:54-55

54-When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the

saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

55-"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

-What are the perishable and the mortal?

-They are the bodies of Christians.

-What are the imperishable and immortal?

-Our resurrected spirits and bodies.

-As we have learned, our earthly bodies cannot live in heaven, and therefore, they must be changed to a heavenly body.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 15:56

56-The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

-Why is sin called the "sting of death"?

-As a bee stings people and they die, sin stings people and they die.

-What is the meaning of "the power of sin is the law"?

-As God and His law are perfect, and as people can never keep the law and be perfect here on earth, this is the power of sin.

-The law shows us that we are guilty of disobeying God, and that we must die as punishment for our sins.

-This is the power of sin.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 15:57

57-But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

-Because Christ completely obeyed God and His law, He has given us victory over the power of sin.

-Because Christ died on the cross to pay for our sins, He has given us victory over the power of sin.

-Which power is stronger—the power of sin or the power of Christ?

-The power of Christ.

-For Christians, death also has no power because Christ has given us victory over the power of sin.

-Where there is no sin, there is no death.

-In truth, Christians do not die.

-Our spirits simply pass from earth to heaven.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 15:58

58-Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

-If we understand and believe that we will not die, but be resurrected to heaven with our God, what should this do to our faith?

-That our faith in Christ will be like a giant rock, unable to be moved.

-That our problems and the problems of this world will also not be able to move our faith in Christ.

-Why should we give ourselves fully to the work of our God?

-Because God Himself will reward us for all that we do, if we do it for Him.

-Jesus says this: "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done" (Rev 22:12).