

# The Future of the Believer (1 Corinthians 15)

*Understanding the End Times – Part 7*  
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*1 Corinthians 15:50-52 (NIV) I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- 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.*

## 1. Christ was \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead

*1 Corinthians 15:12 (NIV) 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?*

### 1A. Christ's resurrection is essential to \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Corinthians 15:14, 17 (NIV) And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ... And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.*

### 1B. Christ's resurrection brings \_\_\_\_\_ for eternal life

*1 Corinthians 15:18-19 (NIV) Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.*

## 2. Believers will be raised at the \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Corinthians 15:20-23 (NIV) But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ... in Christ all will be*

*made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.*

## 2A. Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ all His enemies

*1 Corinthians 15:24-25 (NIV) Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.*

## 2B. \_\_\_\_\_ itself will be destroyed

*1 Corinthians 15:26 (NIV) The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

## 3. Resurrected believers will have \_\_\_\_\_ bodies

*1 Corinthians 15:42 (NIV) So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;*

### 3A. Our spiritual bodies will be \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Corinthians 15:43-44 (NIV) it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.*

### 3B. Our resurrection bodies will be like \_\_\_\_\_ body

*1 Corinthians 15:49 (NIV) And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.*

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Intro. Why is it important to understand the end times?

What will happen when Jesus comes back (1 Corinthians 15:50-52)?

Why is it essential that believer's bodies be changed at the coming of Christ?

1A. What evidence would you give to prove that Christ rose from the dead?

1B. Why is the resurrection of Christ the foundation of the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 15:12-17)?

1C. In what ways does Christ's resurrection bring hope for eternal life (1 Corinthians 15:18-19)?

1D. What would you say to someone who claimed to be a Christian but did not believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

2A. How does Christ's resurrection guarantee the resurrection of believers (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)?

2B. What enemies will Jesus Christ destroy at His coming (1 Corinthians 15:24-25)?

2C. In what ways is death an enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26)? How will Christ destroy death at His coming (Revelation 20:14-15)?

2D. How would you explain the two different eternal destinies for people to someone?

3A. Explain how our mortal physical bodies are the seed for our resurrection bodies (1 Corinthians 15:35-42).

3B. How will our resurrection bodies be different than our current bodies (1 Corinthians 15:43-44)?

3C. What do we know about our resurrection bodies based on Jesus' resurrection body (1 Corinthians 15:45-49)?

3D. How will your resurrection body be perfectly suited for life in the new heavens and new earth?

3E. What should your understanding of the future of the believer encourage you to live like (1 Corinthians 15:58)?