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1 Cor 15:29-49 – “From Dust To Glory”
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[CALL TO HEAR] – 1 Corinthians 15:29-49

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The Resurrection Body

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for

humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is 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. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Pastor – “People of God, this is the Word of God.”

People – “Thanks be to God.”

Let’s Pray

[OPENING]

Church family, I joke sometimes that the warranty on the human body expires at 40. After that, things just start falling apart year by year...

The joints start talking... Snap Crackle Pop!

The back starts complaining...

You make noises getting out of a chair that you never used to make before...



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At 51, I am keenly aware of this reality, and my back would be glad to testify on my behalf this morning.

The older we get, the more honest our bodies become.
They remind us that we are weak.
They remind us that we are not permanent.
They remind us that this present body is wearing down.

And that is exactly why the **promise of the resurrection is so glorious!**

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not merely a doctrine Christians believe.
It is the center of the Christian life.

Because Christ rose from the dead, Christianity is fundamentally a religion of life.
Every other worldview eventually runs into the same wall: death wins.
Bodies decay. Strength fades. Hope dries up.
But the gospel announces something radically different.

And as providence would have it, we come to this text on the Sunday before Easter.
So before we spend next Sunday specifically celebrating the resurrection of Christ,
today we are being reminded what His resurrection means for His people.

Jesus did not merely survive death. **He conquered it.**
Last week Pastor Jody helped us see that Christ is the firstfruits,
the guarantee that the full harvest is coming.

1 Corinthians 15:20 says,
*“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”*

And because He conquered death, death no longer has the final word for those who belong to Him.

That means the resurrection is not only about what happened to Jesus.
It is the promise of what will happen to all who are united to Him by faith.
And that changes how we think about suffering, our bodies, aging, weakness, death,
and the future.

So when our backs ache, our knees fail, our strength fades, and our bodies remind us that
we are wearing out, the Christian does not respond with despair.

We respond with hope.
Why?



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Because the risen Christ has secured something far greater than temporary strength in this life. He has secured resurrection life for His people.

That is where Paul takes us in today's passage, and it brings us to the main point:

MAIN POINT:

Because Christ is risen, His people are no longer shaped by death, but by the sure promise of resurrection life.

1. The Resurrection Makes Our Present Sacrifices Meaningful (15:29-34)

Paul begins this section with a difficult verse, *but his overall point is not difficult.*

1 Corinthians 15:29

"Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf?"

Whatever exactly was going on with baptism "on behalf of the dead," Paul is not commending some strange practice, he is making a rhetorical argument.

Earlier in 1 Corinthians, Paul had already rebuked the Corinthians for making too much of who baptized whom, because baptism was never meant to exalt men, but to mark out those who belong to Christ. That context helps here.

Why would anyone act in light of the dead, or step into the place of those who have died, if the dead are not raised at all? Why would the church keep identifying publicly with Christ, even as believers were dying for the faith, if there were no resurrection to come? The point is simple.
The life of the church only makes sense if resurrection is real.

When Paul turns the spotlight on himself and the apostles:

1 Corinthians 15:30-32

"Why are we in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.'"

Paul is saying, "Look at the way we live. Look at the suffering we endure. Look at the danger we face. Why would we do this if death is the end?"



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The apostles were not enduring hardship because they were delusional.
They were not sacrificing because suffering itself is noble.
They were living this way because **Christ is risen** and they knew their labor was not in vain.

Without the resurrection, *Paul's life makes no sense.*

Without the resurrection, Christian sacrifice becomes absurd.
If the dead are not raised, then **Isaiah 22:13** becomes the only honest creed left:

"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

That is the logic of a world without resurrection.
If this life is all there is, then comfort becomes king.
Pleasure becomes the goal.
Self-preservation becomes wisdom.
Why suffer? Why sacrifice?
Why endure? Why obey when obedience is costly?

But that is not how Christians live, because that is not the world Christians inhabit.
Christ has been raised. Death has been defeated.
The future is secure. ***Therefore what we do now matters.***

That is why Paul gives this warning:

1 Corinthians 15:33-34

"Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.' Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame."

False doctrine never stays in the mind. **It always works its way into life.**

When people deny the resurrection, they do not merely make a theological error.
They begin to live like this world is all there is.
Their morals start to drift.
Their appetites take over.
Their priorities become earthly and immediate.

That is why Paul says, **"Wake up!" Stop thinking like dead men!**
Stop living like Christ is still in the grave.
Stop excusing sin as though the future glory of God's people is not real.
And this lands right on us...



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Without the resurrection, **missions would be foolish.**

Why risk comfort, money, or safety for the sake of the gospel if death gets the last word?

Without the resurrection, parenting through tears would be pointless.

Why keep praying, correcting, teaching, and enduring if there is no eternal purpose?

Without the resurrection, costly obedience would be irrational.

Why stand for truth if truth only costs you relationships, reputation, or ease?

But with the resurrection, **every sacrifice has weight.**

Every quiet act of obedience matters.

Every hard choice to honor Christ matters.

Every tear shed in faithful service matters.

Every stand for truth matters.

Every burden carried for the sake of Christ matters.

Nothing done in Christ is wasted because **none of it ends in the grave!**

Galatians 6:9

*“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap,
if we do not give up.”*

Men, this means you do not lead your family based on what is easiest now.

You lead with resurrection hope. **You open the Word.**

You pray with your wife and children. You speak truth.

You repent when you sin. You set the tone in your home, not because it is always appreciated in the moment, but because future glory makes present obedience worthwhile.

Church, this means we must reject the spirit of the age.

Our culture says, “Eat, drink, indulge yourself, protect your peace, chase comfort, avoid hardship, and make this life everything.”

Paul says, **“Wake up.”** That mentality is spiritual drunkenness.

It numbs people to eternity.

It trains them to live as though Christ were not risen.

But Christ is risen!

So do not give yourself to a life of spiritual sleep.

Do not drift into the world’s way of thinking. **Do not treat holy things lightly.**



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Do not let bad company, false teaching, or worldly priorities disciple your heart.
Wake up, and live like resurrection is true.

This is one of the ways the saints persevere.
We keep going because our hope is not fragile.
We endure because the outcome is not uncertain.
Christ has already secured it.

As our confession teaches, the perseverance of the saints rests not in human strength,
but in the unchangeable love of God, the power of Christ's merit and intercession,
and the abiding of the Spirit.

We suffer well because Christ has already won, *and the resurrection proves it.*

2. The Resurrection Promises a Radically Transformed Body (15:35-44)

Paul now turns to a question that many people still ask:

1 Corinthians 15:35

*"But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised?
With what kind of body do they come?'"*

That question can sound thoughtful, but in this context Paul knows there is unbelief underneath it. So he answers bluntly:

1 Corinthians 15:36

"You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies."

Paul is not mocking honest questions. He is rebuking the kind of skepticism that acts as though resurrection is absurd, when creation itself is already full of reminders that God brings life through death.

He points to the image of a seed. When a farmer plants, he does not plant the full-grown stalk. He plants a bare kernel. It goes into the ground small, plain, and unimpressive. In a sense, it dies. It is buried. But what comes out of the ground is not identical in form to what was sown. It is connected to it, but it is also gloriously transformed.

That is Paul's point: **1 Corinthians 15:37-38**

"And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body."



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This is so important, the resurrection is not mere *resuscitation*.

God is not simply putting people back into the same condition they had before. Lazarus was raised only to die again. That is not what Paul is talking about here. Paul is talking about resurrection unto glory. The body that is raised is truly your body, but it is transformed by the power of God into what He has ordained it to be.

You do not plant a stalk of wheat. You plant a seed. And God gives it the body He chooses.

That means your grave is not the end of your body's story. For the Christian, burial is not disposal, it is sowing.

Then Paul expands the point:

1 Corinthians 15:39-40

"For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another."

Why does Paul say this?

To remind us that God is not limited in what kind of body He can give. The God who made men, animals, birds, fish, sun, moon, and stars all with different forms and different glories is certainly able to raise the dead.

He is not short on creative power.
He is not bound by our imagination.
He is not looking at death and wondering
what He can possibly do with a body that has decayed in the grave.

He made Adam from dust.

He formed Eve from Adam.

He knit you together in your mother's womb.

He upholds the stars in their places.

He does not struggle to raise the dead.



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Then Paul brings us to the heart of the matter:

1 Corinthians 15:42

“So is it with the resurrection of the dead.

What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.”

Here Paul gives four great exchanges that describe the future body of the believer.

Perishable to Imperishable

This present body is perishable. It breaks down. It gets sick. It wears out. It ages. It is vulnerable to injury, disease, weakness, and death.

You feel that more the older you get. You feel it when your back hurts, when your knees ache, when your energy fades, when recovery takes longer than it used to. Our bodies preach mortality to us every single day.

But Paul says what is raised is **imperishable**.

That means the resurrection body will never decay. It will never weaken.

It will never be invaded by disease. It will never break down.

It will never move one inch closer to death because death will have no place in it.

Revelation 21:4

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Dishonor to Glory

1 Corinthians 15:43

“It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory.”

Death is dishonorable. Sin has humiliated the human race. The body that was made by God with dignity and purpose now goes into the grave under the curse of death. Funerals remind us of this. Burial reminds us of this. There is sorrow and humiliation in the grave because death is an enemy.

But that is not the end for the Christian. What is sown in dishonor is **raised in glory!**

Your future body will not be marked by the shame of sin, the humiliation of decay, or the frailty of the curse. It will be glorious. Not because we become little gods, but because we will fully bear the image of the risen Christ.

The glory of Christ will be reflected in a redeemed humanity made whole.



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Weakness to Power

1 Corinthians 15:43

“It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.”

Weakness is part of everyday life in this fallen world.
Sometimes that weakness is dramatic.
Sometimes it is just ordinary. Chronic pain. Exhaustion. Disability. Sickness.
Limitations. Forgetfulness. Slower movement. Fragility.
The inability to do what you once did.
The frustration of a mind that is willing while the body is tired.
This present body is marked by weakness.

But the resurrection body will be raised in power.

That does not mean superhero fantasy. It means a body fully fitted for eternal life in the presence of God. No corruption. No collapse. No exhaustion. No internal rebellion. No frailty. No decline. A body perfectly empowered for worship, joy, service, and communion with God forever.

Natural to Spiritual

“It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.”

1 Corinthians 15:44

This does not mean the resurrection body is immaterial. Paul is not saying we become ghosts. He is not contrasting physical with nonphysical. He is contrasting the body as it now exists in Adam, under the conditions of fallen earthly life, with the body as it will be under the full power and rule of the Holy Spirit.

The natural body is fitted for this present age of weakness and mortality.
The spiritual body is fitted for the age to come.

It is still a real body. It is still your body. But it is now fully animated, empowered, and perfected by the Spirit of God for eternal life.

That means the Christian hope is not escape from embodiment.
It is redeemed embodiment. God is not saving you from *being human*.
He is *saving your humanity from the curse*.

Many people, even in the church, think too little of the body. Some treat the body like everything. Others treat it like nothing. Scripture does neither.



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Your body matters because God made it, Christ took on flesh, Christ rose bodily from the grave, and God will raise His people bodily on the last day.

So what does this mean for us now?

Well, first, your present aches, limitations, and aging are not the final word.

The pain you feel is real. The weakness is real. The decline is real. But it is not ultimate. Your body is not being discarded by God. It is being sown like seed. What comes will be connected to what is now, but transformed by the power of God into something fitted for glory.

Second, if you live with chronic pain, weakness, or the frustrations of aging, do not believe the lie that this brokenness gets the last word.

It does not. The body that is coming will be perfectly suited for eternity. No more pain. No more exhaustion. No more physical frustration. No more decay. Christ will not merely help you cope forever. He will raise you whole.

Third, this speaks to body-image struggles too. We live in a culture obsessed with appearance, youth, image, and comparison. Many people are ashamed of their bodies, angry at their bodies, or constantly measuring themselves against some worldly standard. But Christian, your hope is not in finally becoming pleasing by the standards of this age. Your hope is that Christ will raise your body in glory. The deepest affirmation of your body is not found in the mirror or in the opinions of others. It is found in the promise of Christ.

And Fourth, parents, teach your children that their bodies matter. Not because bodies are idols to be worshiped, but because bodies are gifts from God that will be raised. Teach them to honor God with their bodies. Teach them that what they do with their bodies matters. Teach them that the body is not a costume, not a toy, not an accident, and not disposable. God made them embodied persons, and God will raise His people in glory.

And all of this rests under the sovereignty of God.
Paul says, **“God gives it a body as he has chosen.”**

That means the resurrection is not random. It is not vague. It is not symbolic. It is the deliberate act of God. As our confession teaches, the very same bodies of the saints will be raised, though with different qualities, and forever united again to their souls. This is not God abandoning the body. This is God redeeming it completely.

So when you feel the burden of weakness in this life, *do not think like the world thinks*. Do not imagine that death and decay are final. Do not act as though the grave is the last word over the people of God.



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The seed goes into the ground, but by the power of God, it does not stay there.
That is your hope in Christ.

3. The Resurrection Confirms Us to the Image of the Heavenly Man (15:45-49)

Paul now brings this whole argument into sharper focus.

The resurrection is not only about surviving death.

It is not only about receiving a transformed body.

It is about being fully conformed to Jesus Christ. Listen to what he says:

1 Corinthians 15:45

“Thus it is written, ‘The first man Adam became a living being’;
the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.”

Paul reaches back to Genesis and sets two representative men before us: Adam and Christ.

Adam was the first man. He was formed from the dust of the ground.

He received life from God, but he was only a living being. He could not give life to others.

And when Adam sinned, he brought death, corruption, and condemnation into the human race. Everyone united to Adam shares in what Adam became. Dust. Frailty. Corruption. Death.

But Christ is the last Adam.

That does not mean He is merely another beginning.

It means He is the final head of a new humanity.

He does not merely receive life, **He gives life.**

He is the risen Lord who, by the power of the Spirit, gives resurrection life to His people.

Adam passed on death to all who were in him. Christ gives life to all who are in Him.

That is the contrast Paul wants us to see.

1 Corinthians 15:46

“But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual.”

In other words, the pattern is not hard to understand.

First comes the earthly order.

First comes Adam.

First comes life under the conditions of this fallen world.

First comes weakness, mortality, and life in a body marked by the curse.

Then comes the spiritual. Then comes Christ, resurrection, glory,

and the fullness of what God intends for His redeemed people.



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Paul continues:

1 Corinthians 15:47

“The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.”

That phrase, **“a man of dust,”** tells the truth about all of us by nature.

We are weak. We are mortal. We are passing away.

We are tied to Adam’s fallen condition.

We bear his image not only in the sense that we are human,
but in the sense that we share his ruin.

We sin like Adam. We die like Adam. We return to dust like Adam.

But Christ is the Man of Heaven.

He entered this world in real flesh. He truly took on humanity.

But unlike Adam, He did not come from the dust
as one whose origin and destiny were bound to corruption.

He came from heaven. He obeyed where Adam failed.

He conquered where Adam fell.

He rose where Adam returned to dust.

And now He stands as the head of a redeemed humanity
whose future is not death, **but glory!**

Then Paul drives the point home:

1 Corinthians 15:48

*“As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust,
and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.”*

Everyone belongs to one of these two men, ***there is no neutral ground.***

Either you are in Adam, sharing in sin, condemnation, corruption, and death,

– or –

you are in Christ, sharing in righteousness, life, resurrection, **and glory!**

That is federal headship. Adam acted as the representative head of the old humanity,
and Christ acts as the representative head of the new.

What belongs to the head belongs to those united to him.

Adam’s ruin became ours by union with him.

Christ’s victory becomes ours by union with Him.



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And that brings us to one of the most hope-filled statements in the chapter:

1 Corinthians 15:49

“Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust,
we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.”

Do not miss the certainty of that word: **shall**.

Not might. Not maybe. Not hopefully, if all goes well.
Not if you can hold yourself together enough.

We shall also bear the image of the man of heaven!

That is as certain for the believer as justification itself,
because it rests on union with Christ.
If you are in Him, your future is not uncertain.
You will be conformed to His image.
Bodily. Morally. Completely.
What began in regeneration and sanctification
will be brought to completion in glorification.

This truth echoes throughout the New Testament:

God has predestined those whom He foreknew “to be conformed to the image of his
Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers” (Romans 8:29).

The resurrection life we receive in Christ is not an afterthought;
it is the outworking of God’s eternal purpose to make us like His Son.

Even now, “we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being
transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this
comes from the Lord who is the Spirit” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

The same Spirit who raised Jesus is at work in us,
progressively renewing us after the likeness of our Creator.

And one day soon, the Lord Jesus Christ “will transform our lowly body to be like his
glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself”
(Philippians 3:21).

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from there we await this Savior
who will complete what He has begun.



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That means the resurrection is not only about what happens to your body “one day.” It is about what kind of humanity you are being fitted for even now.

You are being made like Jesus. Union with Christ is the heart of it all.

Everything we have comes through Him:

His righteousness becomes ours,
His life becomes ours,
His inheritance becomes ours,
and His future becomes ours.

Because we are united to the Last Adam, glorification is not a distant religious wish. It is the certain end of everyone who belongs to Him.

When you feel the weight of your sin, the weakness of your body, the sorrow of loss, or the humiliation of your own dust, remember this:

Adam is not the last word over you!
Jesus is!

And because **Jesus** is the **Man of Heaven**, all who are in Him shall bear His image.

[APPLICATION]

So Paul has shown us three glorious truths in today's passage:

1. The Resurrection Makes Our Present Sacrifices Meaningful (15:29-34)
2. The Resurrection Promises a Radically Transformed Body (15:35-44)
3. The Resurrection Conforms Us to the Image of the Heavenly Man (15:45-49).

Because Christ is risen, you do not have to live like death is in charge.

So how should the resurrection shape the way we live now?

Well, we are blessed that **Jesus Himself** gives us the answers:

1. Do not live for what will perish.

Jesus says in **Matthew 6:19-21**,

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”



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If Christ is risen, then do not spend your life chasing what cannot last. Do not build your heart around comfort, money, approval, pleasure, or image. Those things are perishing. They cannot save you, and they cannot satisfy you.

The resurrection teaches you to invest your life in what death cannot touch. Holiness matters. Faithfulness matters. Serving Christ matters. Loving His church matters. Every act of obedience done in Christ matters.

Do not live for what will perish.

2. Do not fear death as though it has the final word.

Jesus says in [John 11:25-26](#),
"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

Some of you feel your weakness every day. Your body aches. Your strength fades. Your mind gets tired. *Grief weighs heavily on you.* You are constantly reminded that life in this fallen body is fragile.

But Jesus says death is not the end for those who belong to Him.

So do not let pain preach despair to you!
Do not let aging convince you that God is finished with you!
Do not let the grave seem bigger than Christ!

If you are in Christ, your body is not headed toward abandonment. It is headed toward resurrection.

What is sown in weakness will be raised in power.
What is sown perishable will be raised imperishable.

Do not fear death as though it has the final word.

3. Follow Christ with your whole life now.

Jesus says in [Luke 9:23-24](#),
"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

The resurrection is not just comfort for the future, it is a call to live under the lordship of Christ **right now**.



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If you belong to the risen Christ, then deny yourself, put sin to death!

Stop playing with compromise.

Stop trying to preserve a *comfortable version* of Christianity that **costs you nothing**.

Take up your cross daily.

Follow Him in holiness.

Follow Him in truth.

Follow Him in obedience.

Follow Him when it is hard.

Follow Him when it is **costly**.

Follow Him when the world mocks you for it.

Because Christ is risen, *you are not called to coast*. You are called **to follow**.

So that is the call:

Do not live for what will perish.

Do not fear death as though it has the final word.

And follow Christ with your whole life now!

[CLOSING]

So lift up your eyes, church!

Your Savior is not in the grave. **He is risen!**

The Man of Heaven has triumphed over sin, death, and the curse,
and all who belong to Him will share in that victory.

As Jesus said, ***“Because I live, you also will live.”***

That means the future of the Christian is not darkness, but glory.

Not loss, but fullness. Not dust forever, but resurrection.

The day is coming when faith will become sight, weakness will give way to power,
and the people of God will bear perfectly the image of their risen Lord.

So take heart – **Stand firm!** – *Hope in Christ*.

And spend your life *gladly in His service*.

Christian, the warranty may run out on this body,
but in Christ, resurrection glory is already on the way.

Because in the Lord, nothing is wasted.

In Christ, death is defeated.

And for the believer, **the best is still to come**. **Let's Pray**



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By Pastor Bill Alderson – 03/29/26

[COMMUNION]

Church, as we come to the Lord's Table, we come remembering not only the death of Christ, but also the power of His resurrection. We come to the table of the risen Savior, the One who gave Himself for our sins, was buried, and was raised in victory over death. This meal is not an empty ritual. It is a gift of grace to strengthen weary hearts, to remind us that our hope is not in ourselves, but in Christ crucified and risen.

Communion is for those who belong to Jesus Christ, who have trusted in His death and resurrection, and who are walking in repentance and faith. If you are in Christ, this table is for you. If you are not yet in Christ, or if you are clinging to unrepentant sin, Scripture calls you not to partake lightly, but to come honestly before the Lord. The invitation is open even now: repent, believe, and come to the Savior.

Take a moment now to examine your heart before the Lord, to confess sin, and to come trusting not in your own worthiness, but in Christ alone. Come remembering that because Christ has been raised, your faith is not in vain, your labor is not in vain, and your hope is not empty.

Hear now Paul's words from 1 Corinthians 11: [\(1 Corinthians 11:23-26\)](#)

23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, **24** and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

As we eat the bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. We remember His body broken for us and His blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins. And we come with resurrection hope, knowing that the crucified Christ is now the risen Christ, and that all who belong to Him will share in His victory, bear His image, and be raised in glory.

Church, when you are ready, come forward, receive the elements, and remember Christ.



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[CONFESSION OF FAITH]. * The Congregation will stand

Elder – “Christians, what do we believe?”

Congregation - recites the LBCF 1689 Chapter 31,
State of Man After Death and Resurrection of the Dead,
Paragraph 2 The Last Day

At the last day, saints who are still alive will not sleep, but will be changed. 5 Also, all the dead will be raised up with their own bodies, and not any other body, 6 although these bodies will have different qualities. These bodies will be united again to their souls forever. 7

5. 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52; 1 Thessalonians 4:17

6. Job 19:26-27

7. 1 Corinthians 15:42-43

[OFFERING+LAST SONG]

[BENEDICTION]

Go now in the name of the Father,

who formed man from the dust
and who has appointed the day when death itself will be undone for His people.

Go now in the name of the Son,

the risen Christ, the Man of Heaven,
who bore our sin, conquered the grave,
and will raise His people in glory to bear His image forever.

Go now in the name of the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to weary hearts, strengthens you for holy obedience,
and fixes your hope on the day when what is perishable will put on the imperishable.

Go in His peace. You are dismissed.