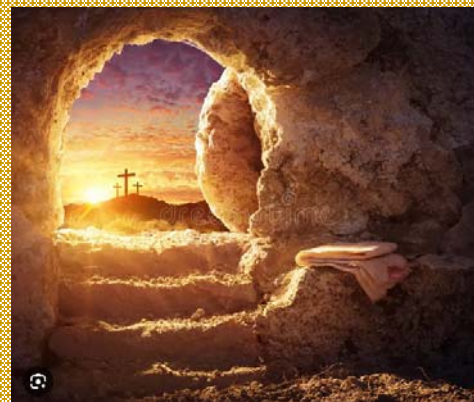


# Foundations of the Faith

Lesson 21 — Resurrection of the Dead

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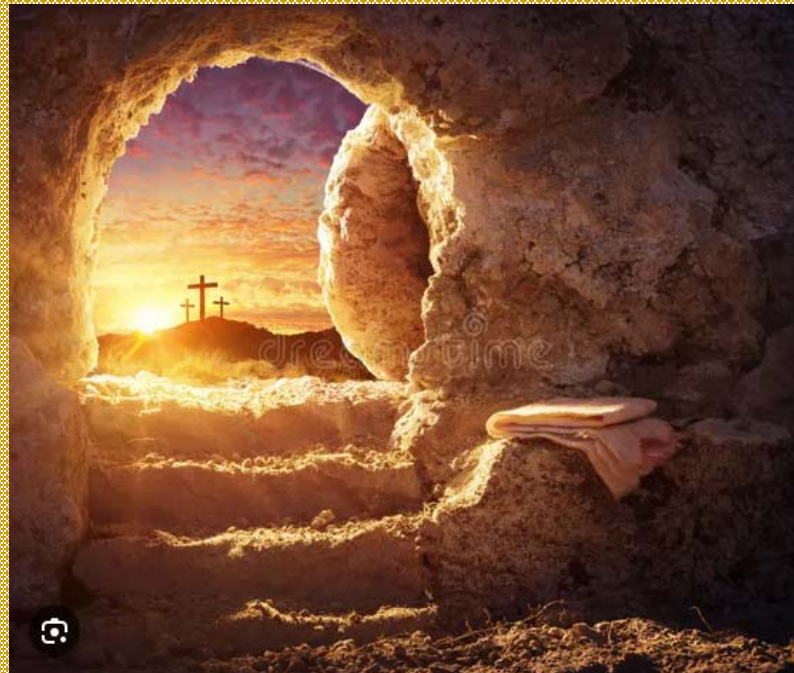


- “But the resurrection of the dead is quite another doctrine, dealing not with the soul, but with the body. The doctrine is that this actual body in which I now exist is to live with my soul; that not only is the “vital spark of heavenly flame” to burn in heaven, but the very censer in which the incense of my life doth smoke is holy unto the Lord, and is to be preserved for ever.” Charles H. Spurgeon February 15, 1856



# Definitions

- **resurrection from the dead** ([Koine](#): ἀνάστασις [τῶν] νεκρῶν, *anastasis [ton] nekron*; literally: "standing up again of the dead"<sup>1</sup>)



# The Apostles' Creed (2<sup>nd</sup> Century

- I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and life everlasting.**
- Amen.



## How About in Jesus' time?

- Most believed and looked forward to the resurrection of the dead.
- The notable exception was the Sadducees.
- Matt 3:7, Acts 23:6 (Paul)



# The Gospel –Jesus was raised from the dead

- [1Co 15:1-6 NLT] 1 Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. 2 It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you--unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place. 3 I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. 4 He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. 5 He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. 6 After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.



# Jesus had different physical abilities after his resurrection

- [Jhn 20:19-20 NLT] 19 That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. 20 As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!



# Jesus Raised from the dead

- [Jhn 11:43-45 NLT] 43 Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!" 45 Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen.





## New Testament believers asking the questions: If there is a resurrection Have I missed out?

- [1Th 4:13-17 NLT] 13 And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. 15 We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. 17 Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.



# Jesus will also return for us

- [Jhn 14:1-3 NLT] 1 "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. 2 There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? 3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.



# How can we understand the resurrection?

- [1Co 15:35-44, 51, 54 NLT] 35 But someone may ask, "How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?" 36 What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first. 37 And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. 38 Then God gives it the new body he wants it to have. A different plant grows from each kind of seed. 39 Similarly there are different kinds of flesh—one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. 40 There are also bodies in the heavens and bodies on the earth. The glory of the heavenly bodies is different from the glory of the earthly bodies. 41 The sun has one kind of glory, while the moon and stars each have another kind. And even the stars differ from each other in their glory. 42 It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. 43 Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. 44 They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies. ... 51 But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! ... 54 Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory."



## Key Points (1 Corinthians 15)

- Described as being like how a seed produces a plant
- The glory of the heavenly body is different than the earthly body
- Heavenly bodies will be raised to live forever death will have no hold on heavenly bodies
- We will all be transformed
- Like the seed/plant description, we will be recognizable in our new bodies.
- Raised as spiritual bodies



# How will our resurrected bodies/life be different

- [Mat 22:23, 28, 30-31 NKJV] 23 The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, ... 28 "Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her." ... 30 "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. 31 "But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, [Mat 22:32 NKJV] 32 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."
- 1. There won't be marriage in our resurrected body
- 2. When we die, we will be given our resurrected bodies
- Though some have passed, God is still their God



# What about the wait “in-between”

- Is there a purgatory?



- What happens when we die?

- [2Co 5:8 NKJV] 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.



Christ was not left in the grave. We won't be left in the grave.

- [Psa 16:10 NLT] 10 For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.





# Jesus Preparing a Place for Us

- [Jhn 14:2-3 NLT] 2 There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? 3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.





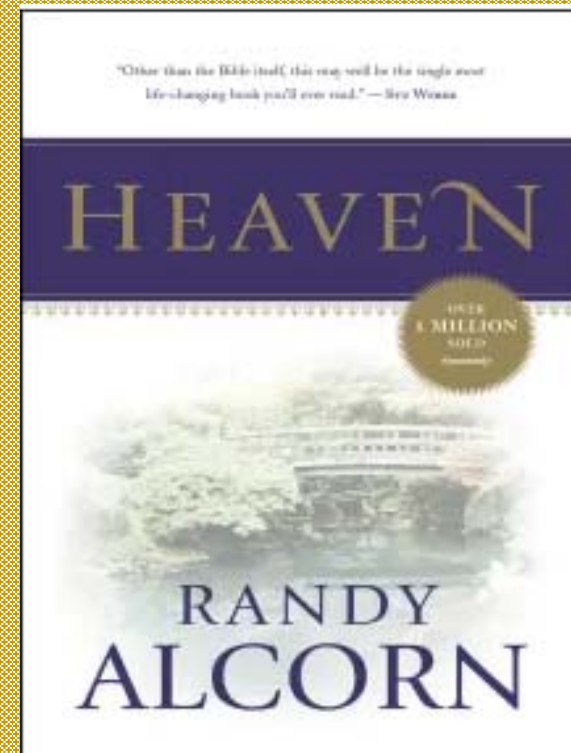
# What do we know about resurrected bodies

- Different physical (e.g. more fit )
- Recognizable
- Everlasting
- Beautiful bodies free from the corruption of sin
- May have new abilities (e.g. walk through walls)
- May shine with the glory of God(Rev 21:1:12-18) Jesus as the Lamp
- Will be male and female



# Resources/extra Reading

- *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn



# Next Week We finish Foundations

- God & Money

