



Christmas 2019 Resurrection & Return



T1 THE RESURRECTION IS HISTORICAL.

1 Corinthians 15:3-9

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.**

1 Corinthians 15:3-4



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. ⁷ Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles

1 Corinthians 15:5-7



⁸ Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him. ⁹ For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church.

1 Corinthians 15:8-9





T2 THE RESURRECTION IS THEOLOGICAL.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

12 But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? **13** For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either.

1 Corinthians 15:12-13



14 And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. **15** And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:14-15



16 And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. **17** And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:16-17



18 In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! **19** And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. **20** But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

1 Corinthians 15:18-20





T3 THE RESURRECTION IS SPIRITUAL.

1 Corinthians 15:42-53

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.**

1 Corinthians 15:42-43

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. **45** The Scriptures tell us, “The first man, Adam, became a living person.” But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a ***life-giving Spirit***.

1 Corinthians 15:44-45



46 What comes first is the natural body, then the spiritual body comes later. **47** Adam, the first man, was made from *the dust* of the earth, while Christ, the second man, came from *heaven*. **48** Earthly people are like the earthly man, and heavenly people are like the heavenly man. **1 Corinthians 15:46-48**



49 Just as we are now like the earthly man, we will someday be like the heavenly man.

50 What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the *Kingdom of God*. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last *forever*.

1 Corinthians 15:49-50



51 But let me reveal to you a wonderful ***secret***.

We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! **52** It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the ***last trumpet*** is blown.

For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

53 For our dying bodies must be ***transformed***
into bodies that will never ***die***; our mortal bodies
must be transformed into immortal bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:53

