

Is there Life After Death?
The Most Important Question Easter Answers
(1 Cor 15)

Here's the great news (The Gospel):

Christ died for my sins according to the Scriptures (see Is 52-53), he was buried , and he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Cor . 15:3 ; see Ps. 16:8-11 ; 110:14; Hosea 6:2; Matt 12:40).

By this Gospel you are saved (15:2) which you have received and on which you have taken your stand (15:1).

Christ's resurrection from the dead was witnessed by more than 500 people! (15:5-8).

This is what we preach, and this is what you believed (15:11).

What does Christ's resurrection mean?

His death is the acceptable sacrifice as a substitute for believers.

He is the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep —the prototype of what will happen to the rest of the harvest (15:20). It's about bodily resurrection.

Those "fallen asleep" right now have their conscious souls in the Father's "rooming house" (2 Cor 5:8; Phil 1:23; Jn 14:2) and their bodies in the grave.

Then when Christ comes again, those who belong to him will be made alive— Christ clears out the Father's rooming house so souls can be reunited with resurrected bodies and living believers (1 Thess. 4:13f)-- then the end will come (15:23-24 , 52).

Christ will hand over the kingdom to the Father. *For he [Christ] must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death (15:25-26).*

Why bodily resurrection?

Our eternal destiny is not some airy-fairy weird misty place with harps and wings and floating boredom, it is a material existence with glorious, adventurous living in a re - created heavens and earth! (Rev 21-22)

Why do our resurrected bodies need to be different than our present bodies?

We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed (15:51).

Our frail mortal human bodies cannot exist in God's eternal and perfectly holy presence—need an imperishable, immortal body (15:50 ,53).

Then, death is finally and forever dead to us (15:54 ,55).

Therefore — Don't be moved from this belief; stay pure; be devoted to God's work (15:58).