

LESSON 12

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1–58



1 What is heaven like?

2 What about heaven are you looking forward to? What are you apprehensive about?



Read 1 Corinthians 15:1–58, the chart “Physical and Resurrection Bodies” (chapter 15), and the following notes:

- ☐ 15:5–8 ☐ 15:12ff ☐ 15:13–18 ☐ 15:19 ☐ 15:30–34 ☐ 15:35ff
☐ 15:42–44 ☐ 15:45 ☐ 15:58

3 Why is it so important to the Christian faith that Jesus Christ rose physically from the grave (15:12–19)?

4 What would be the implications for our faith if the Resurrection were a hoax (15:17–19)?

5 When will death finally be defeated (15:20–28)?

6 What will our resurrected bodies be like (15:35–49)?

7 How should belief in the resurrection of Christ influence how a Christian lives?



Nothing is more important to the Christian faith than the truth of the resurrection of Jesus. Because Jesus was actually raised physically, all believers will be raised to eternal glory as well. This isn't just a theoretical doctrine for Christians to discuss. Christ's resurrection puts everything in a new perspective. Life and death, work and recreation, values and priorities—all look different when viewed in light of the resurrection that is to come. Because Christ lives, you can live now with confidence in God and hope for the future.

8 What is the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus?

9 Why does the truth of Christ's resurrection give Christians hope?

10 What do you think would cause people to deny the resurrection of Christ?



11 In what situations would you use the story of Jesus' resurrection to give someone hope?

12 How would you answer someone who says that the resurrection of Christ is just a matter of faith?

13 What changes would occur in your life if you began to live more fully in light of the resurrection to come?

14 As a Christian, you have a reason for hope. How does this hope affect the way you live?



15 In what situations can belief in the Resurrection give you comfort and hope?

A What is the baptism for the dead (15:29)? What happens to people after they die? How can this message help a believer in Christ? How can it help an unbeliever?

B Compare our present bodies with our resurrection bodies (15:35–49). How are they similar? How are they different? What are some of the limitations of our physical bodies? How can we use our bodies to glorify God?

C What does it mean for us that Jesus is the “last Adam” (15:22, 45–49)?

D What will happen when Christ returns (15:50–54)? What can you do now to prepare for that event?

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