

The Resurrection 4429

I. 1 Cor. 15—The Highest Single Authority For The Resurrection Is The Scripture (vv. 3–4) (Hosea 6:1–2—Jesus was raised the third day)

- A. Vv. 5–8: Witnesses
 - 1. Jewish law required two reliable male witnesses as sufficient to attest truth
 - 2. Here we have many—more than 500
- B. Vv. 12–19: Faith in resurrection is essential for salvation
 - 1. Hope in this life only is pathetic
 - 2. Salvation requires two things (Rom. 10:9)
 - a. Believe that God raised Jesus from the dead
 - b. Confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord
- C. Vv. 22–24: Resurrection in three successive stages
 - 1. Christ the firstfruits
 - 2. Those who are Christ's at His coming
 - 3. Then comes the end—the great white throne (Rev. 20:12–15)
- D. Vv. 29–34: Dangerous to deny resurrection
 - 1. Essential to believe in the resurrection
 - 2. Don't keep wrong company (v. 33) they will take your faith away
 - 3. Cultivate the knowledge of God
 - a. Be careful what you hear
 - b. What goes into your mind comes out of your mouth
- E. V. 35: How will we be raised up?
 - 1. Like putting seed in the ground: the body that comes up is different from what was planted.
 - 2. In the resurrection, some “stars” will be more glorious than others (predicted in Dan. 12:1–3)
- F. Five changes that take place at the resurrection

1. Corruption (decaying, perishable)	Incarnation (will not decay)
2. Dishonor	Glory
3. Weakness	Power
4. Natural (soulish)	Spiritual
Spirit moves body through soul	
Ps. 103:1 David's <i>spirit</i> speaks to his <i>soul</i> to move his <i>body</i> (Ezek. 1:19–20)	
Examples of <i>spiritual bodies</i>)	
5. Mortal (subjected to death)	Immortal (not subjected to death)

II. How Do We Qualify?

- A. You must belong to Christ (1 Cor. 15:23)
 - 1. He is a jealous God
 - 2. He wants you for His own—unreservedly
 - a. Jacob was loved, Esau hated—God has strong feelings (Mal. 1:2–3)
 - b. Why Jacob? He wanted God's best
 - c. What takes precedence over your birthright?
- B. Religious rites are not sufficient (Phil. 3:8–14)
 - 1. God's righteousness only. Three conditions

- a. That I may know Him
 - b. That I may know the power of His resurrection
 - c. That I may know the fellowship of His suffering
- 2. Don't assume you will be part of the first resurrection. You must continue to meet the conditions.
 - a. If, by any means . . .
 - b. No one will *drift* into heaven

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