

2. The hope of the resurrection: "life after death"

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him

- a) The beneficiaries: to "sleep in Jesus" is to die believing, following, trusting and obeying Jesus. This is how they look while alive; **Rev 14: 13 those who sleep in Jesus were busy serving Jesus while on earth.** *Faith without works is dead, and those who die in the Lord will be known by the work of Grace in their lives* Daniel 12:2-3

Home: dying in Jesus is not dying having "accepted Jesus as personal savior", regardless of how we lived but being accepted by Him despite how we lived. It is not by works, but by faith alone, and yet true faith, works righteousness

- b) The hope: **Ps 116:15** "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His godly Ones" This is when **Psalms 23** which now we live by faith, will become sight and reality
- c) The blessing: **Rev 21:4** No more crying, no clamoring, tears wiped from their eyes by the Lord Himself Comforted, as He who is comforted by a mother. Always viewing the shining, smiling face of a pleased Father
- d) The invitation: **Rev 22:17** "And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost."

CONCLUSION: today, we celebrate communion and in it, we not only remember the death of our Savior, but we remember His resurrection, as we break bread and drink of the cup, announcing Christ's death until He returns; therefore we also remember that He will come back to take His own with Him

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Sunday Schedule:

9:30 AM Study of the Word of God
11:00 AM Preaching of the Word of God
Wednesday: 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting
(Prayer flocks meet Every Last Wed.)

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

"HAVING BEEN BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE" - EPHESIANS 2:20

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Announcements:

- Interested in church membership?** Ask Victor or Astrid Hernandez astridenid@gmail.com
- Downtown Homeless Ministry:** today, we meet at 3 PM at Old Cutler Presbyterian Church. Please deposit your backpacks and sandwiches at the designated area and inquire with Many Stinson and Dave Brumer for details
- Interested in Home Book studies?** Ladies: inquire with Lydia Mederos rom1136@bellsouth.net or Veronica Mullins katronee@bellsouth.net. Men: inquire with Jorge Morales jorgediana@bellsouth.net or Jason Tesser jasantesser@gmail.com. Ladies & Teenagers once a month breakfast (last Saturday of every month)
- Reminders:**
 - Adult Sunday School on Systematic Theology 9:30-10:30 AM
 - Children & Youth Sunday School by ages: 9:30 – 10:30 AM
 - Wednesday prayer meeting: 7 PM
 - Word of Truth: 1080 AM Weekdays 6:45-7:00 AM / 4:45-5:00 PM
 - Church website: www.cornerstonebiblechurch.com
 - Theology of Music 1:00-2:00 PM *

* Required for music ministry members, others welcome as auditors

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Announcements
- Call to Worship Ephesians 2:12-16
- Lamb of God
- I Know Whom I Have Believed Trinity #712 Verses 1,2,5
- Scripture John 20:19-31
- Prayer
- Offering There is a Redeemer
- And Can it Be Trinity Trinity # 721
- Greater than we can imagine / be praised
- Sermon

I Thessalonians Part: 15
What happens after death? Part 2
I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Introduction: what happens after death? Is there something beyond the grave? Will all dreams and illusions perish once we take our last breath?

Review: the hopeless culture of the Greeks was met by the reassuring words of Paul, when he comforted the Thessalonians with the words of 1 Th 4:13-18

- a) We considered that “falling asleep” does not mean the **sleep of the soul**
- b) We also looked at the two alternatives for life after death which are in the words of Romans 2:7-11 “Eternal life or wrath and indignation;

Text: This morning we will only examine verse 14

Thesis: The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are both the foundation and token of our eschatological hope*

* By eschatological hope, I mean our last and ultimate hope

Paul is more concerned with **the fundamentals** of the end-times than with **the incidentals**

1. The fact of the resurrection: 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again

- a) **Conditional clause of 1st class:** if + indicative + then = since / whereas -> then
(for since we believe) that Jesus died and rose again...
Paul is not posing a doubt about the death & resurrection of Jesus, but affirming it

b) The core of all Biblical truth: the Gospel

For some the death and resurrection of Jesus is just a historical statement, whose implications are either ignored or taken for granted.

Paul planted the Gospel at the forefront when he dealt with Eschatology and Life after Death. This is exactly what he did with the Corinthians in I Co 15:1-4

c) The Center truth of the Gospel: Jesus died and rose again –

- **Jesus** Ἰησοῦς Greek for Heb Yeshua (or Jesse) = Yahoweh saves.
- **Immanuel** God with us, the hope of Israel and of all Nations,
- **Messiah** the anointed of God, the Christ, HE DIED AND ROSE AGAIN

The purpose of apostolic miracles was to give credence to the resurrection message **Heb 2:4**, that the Jesus they preached, was not a dead prophet, but one who rose from the dead. **Acts 2:12-15**

d) The undeniable facts of the resurrection:

I Co 15:6, Mt 28:13, I Th 1:8-9, Acts 19:19, Acts 5:12, Acts 12:1-ff, 16:26, Phil 4:22 By the end of the second century, there were millions (an estimate 10% of the population of the Roman Empire) who had embraced the faith of the Gospel

That unimaginable turn of events had only one explanation that Jesus died and rose from the dead

e) Why did Jesus die?

Jesus died ... to satisfy the justice of a Holy God

Jesus died because the “soul that sins shall die” and the “salary for sin is death” Rom 6:23, Ez 18:8

Jesus died because “without holiness no one will see the Lord” Heb 12:15, **Rev 21:8 Rev 21:27**

Who has never lied or never done something unclean? Jesus died, because somebody had to pay God, for the transgressions against His law

f) Why did Jesus rise again?

Jesus rose again because He never sinned Acts 2:24, 1 Pe 2:22

Jesus rose again because He was the Holy one of God Heb 4:15

Jesus rose again, because He did not die for His own sins, but for the sins of those who believe in Him Isaiah 53:6-10

Summary: the purpose of the resurrection

- a) To prove the righteousness of Jesus
- b) To prove God’s acceptance of His sacrifice for sin
- c) To seal our justification and secure our entrance into His Kingdom Rom 4:25

That is the fact of the resurrection, an undeniable event which has survived the storms of critics and unbelievers, and it is on this fact that Paul grounds His affirmation about life after death