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**You Can't Keep a Good Man  
Down (1 Cor. 15)**  
Christ's Resurrection and Its  
Implications

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**Why a Resurrection Chapter?**

- Corinthian skepticism
  - ◆ (1 Cor. 15:12)
- Greek philosophical dualism
  - ◆ (Acts 17:32)
- Over realized eschatology
  - ◆ (1 Cor. 4:8)



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- Condition for Receiving the Gospel (1-2)
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Resurrection of Christ Predicted  
in the Old Testament (15:1-4)

- Psalm 16:10
- Isaiah 53:10



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Christ's Resurrection Attested to by Eyewitnesses (15:5-11)

- Cephas (5a)
- The twelve (5b)
- The five hundred (6)
- James (7a)
- The rest of the apostles (7b)
- Paul (8-11)



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Seven Disastrous Consequences if there is no Resurrection (15:12-19)

- 1) Christ not raised (13, 16)
- 2) Preaching in vain (14a)
- 3) Faith in vain (14b, 17a)
- 4) Apostles are liars (15)
- 5) We are still in our sin (17b)
- 6) No hope for the dead in Christ (18)
- 7) We are pitiable (19)



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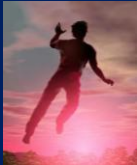
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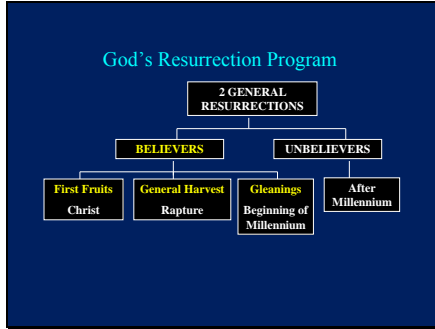
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**Order or *Tagma* (1 Cor. 15:23)**

- **General:** Christ's resurrection (1 Cor 15:23)
- **Officer:** Rapture (1 Thess 4:13-18)
- **Soldiers:** OT saints & Tribulation martyrs (Rev 20:4)
- **Captives:** Unsaved of all ages (Rev 20:5)



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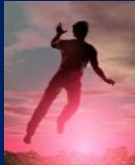
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**Theocratic Administrator**



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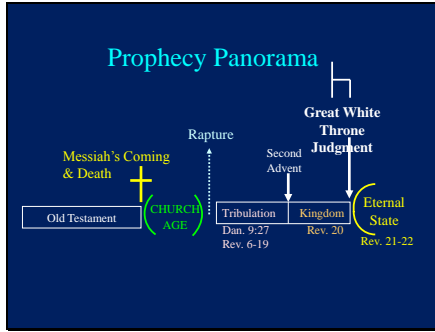
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**What Type of Body? (35-41)**

- Objection (35) 
- Illustrations from nature (36-41)
  - ◆ Seeds (36-38)
  - ◆ Human and animal bodies (39-40)
  - ◆ Celestial bodies (41)

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**Differences Between the Earthly and Heavenly Bodies (15:42-44)**

<u>Earthly Body</u>	<u>Heavenly Body</u>
■ Perishable	■ Imperishable
■ Lowly	■ Honorable
■ Weak	■ Powerful
■ Natural	■ Spiritual



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**Adam vs. Christ (15:45-49)**

■ <u>Current body:</u> physical, earthly body proceeding from Adam	■ <u>Future body:</u> spiritual, heavenly body proceeding from Christ
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**Exemption from Death (1 Cor 15:54-56)**

- Enoch (Gen 5)
- Elijah (2 Kings 2)
- Christ (Acts 1:11; Rev 12:5)
- Philip (Acts 8)
- Paul (2 Cor 12)
- John (Rev 4:1-2)
- Two witnesses (Rev 11)



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### Last Trump?

■ <u>1 Cor 15:52</u>	■ <u>Rev 11:15</u>
■ Before wrath	■ During wrath
■ Trump of God	■ Angelic trump
■ Singular trump	■ Series of trumps
■ Resurrection	■ No resurrection
■ Glory	■ Judgment
■ Instantaneous	■ Duration (Rev 10:7)
■ Church	■ Israel/Gentiles
■ No earthquake	■ Earthquake
■ Last trump of church age	■ Last trump of a series

Pentecost, *Things to Come*, 189-91



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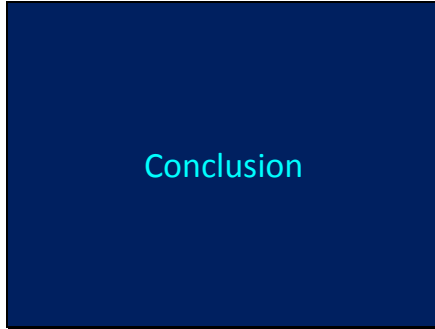
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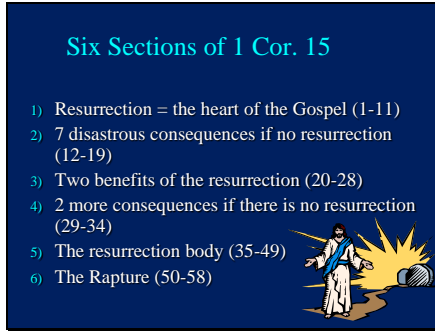
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Acts 17:32-Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some *began* to sneer, but others said, "We shall hear you again concerning this."

1 Cor 4:8-You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and indeed, *I* wish that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you.

Ps 16:10-For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

Acts 2:29-32-“<sup>[a]</sup>Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is <sup>[b]</sup>with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT *one* <sup>[c]</sup>OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, <sup>31</sup> he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of <sup>[d]</sup>the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh <sup>[e]</sup>SUFFER DECAY. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

Isa 53:10-But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting *Him* to grief; If He would render Himself *as* a guilt offering, He will see *His* offspring, He will prolong *His* days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

Acts 1:22-beginning <sup>[a]</sup>with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these *must* become a witness with us of His resurrection.

Gen 3:19-By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return.

2 Cor 4:16-Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

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Rev 21:4-and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away. John 11:25-Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

Jude 24-25-Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.