

Theme: The people of God have always believed in a resurrection of the body, and Christ is the guarantee of this hope.

I. Intro – Resurrection of the Body??

- A. Christians read these verses – bodily resurrection
- B. Sounds strange – even more so in ancient world
- C. Why have Christians always confessed this?
- D. Is this really a biblical doctrine?

II. The Doctrine of Bodily Resurrection

- A. The biblical storyline demands bodily resurrection
 - 1. Creation-fall-redemption-consummation plot
 - 2. Christ at 2nd Adam (Tertullian)
 - 3. Intermediate state – only body can be raised
- B. OT teaching on resurrection – growing clarity
 - 1. Job 19:25-27 – in/from my flesh see God!
 - 2. 1 Sam 2:6 – death/life; grave/raises up
 - 3. Psalm 49:15 – redeem life from the grave
 - 4. Psalm 16:9-11 – body secure; grave; decay
 - 5. Isaiah 26:19 – dead live; bodies rise; earth
 - 6. Hosea 13:14 – ransom/redeem from grave/death

7. Dan 12:2 – asleep in the dust awake

C. NT teaching on resurrection

- 1. John 2:19-22 – raise His body
- 2. John 5:28-29 – our text; grave; all come out
- 3. John 11:24-26 – raised; regeneration & rez.
- 4. Acts 2:25-32 – Pentecost sermon
- 5. Acts 23:6-8 – Pharisees – bodily resurrection
- 6. Romans 8:10-11 – Spiritual and physical
- 7. 1 Cor 15 – another teaching

D. Resurrection of the body – biblical tautology (rhetoric)

- 1. Tautology – saying the same thing twice; redundant
- 2. “Aromatic aroma”; “new innovation”, etc.
- 3. Resurrection meant bodily – no other kind
- 4. Davis and Brown quotes

III. The Guarantee – Christ’s Resurrection

- A. Christ has been raised bodily
 - 1. Psalm 16:10 - Prophesied
 - 2. Acts 2 sermon – Fulfilled!!

B. Guarantees our bodily resurrection

1. Psalm 16:9-10- David's hope
2. Romans 8:11 – Us too!
3. 1 Cor 6:14 – Raised Christ; us also
4. 1 Cor 15:20-23 - Christ the firstfruits
5. Phil 3:20-21 - Our bodies like His

3. All determined by Christ!

4. Turn to Him – and give thanks!

The Resurrection of the Body (Part 1)

John 5:28-29

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IV. Conclusion & Summary

A. Do we see the biblical doctrine of resurrection?

1. Scripture speaks of resurrection of body
2. Demanded by plot, 2nd Adam, intermediate
3. **Avalanche** of Scripture!!!

B. Do we long for the resurrection of the body?

1. God will have nothing less!
2. Christians should want nothing less!
3. Leave other ideas to Gnostics (Wright quote)

C. Which resurrection will be yours?

1. Jesus - resurrection to life & condemnation
2. Which will we be part of?

“If we have life in Christ as we have death in Adam, since in Adam we find the death of the body, it is necessary that in Christ we have the life of the body. Otherwise, there would be no comparison, if the life in Christ did not attain to the same substance which found death in Adam.” Tertullian, *Against Marcion* (heretic who denied bodily resurrection)

25 I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
26 And **after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God**; 27 I myself will see **him with my own eyes**-- I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me! Job 19:25-27

6 The LORD brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up. 1 Samuel 2:6

15 But God will **redeem my life from the grave**; he will surely take me to himself. Psalm 49:15

9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; **my body also will rest secure**,
10 because **you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay**. 11 You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalm 16:9-11

19 But your dead will live; **their bodies will rise**. You who **dwell in the dust**, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the **earth will give birth to her dead**. Isaiah 26:19

14 "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction?" Hosea 13:14

2 Multitudes who **sleep in the dust of the earth will awake**: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:2

19 Jesus answered them, "**Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days**." 20 The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" 21 **But the temple he had spoken of was his body**. 22 **After he was raised from the dead**, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. John 2:19-22

John 5:28-29

24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."
25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:24-26
25 David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, 27 because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."

29 "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, **that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay**. 32 **God has raised this Jesus to life**, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Acts 2:25-32

6 Then Paul, knowing that some of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, called out in the Sanhedrin, "My brothers, **I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee. I stand on trial because of my hope in the resurrection of the dead**." ... 8 The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.) Acts 23:6-8

if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, **he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you**. Ro8:10-11

“Apart from further elaboration, any first century Jew would understand the term ‘resurrection’ to mean bodily resurrection (which would imply the empty tomb).” Stephen T. Davis (quoted in Mathison, ed., 296)

“The concept of resurrection from the grave...is certainly what resurrection meant to the Jews of Jesus’ time.... It is not really accurate to claim that the NT references to the resurrection of Jesus are ambiguous as to whether they mean bodily resurrection – there was no other kind of resurrection.” Raymond E. Brown (quoted in Mathison, ed., 296)

14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. 1 Corinthians 6:14

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 1Co 15:20-23

20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, **will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body**. Phil 3:20-21

You may be allowed to eat meat offered to idols, but you cannot deny the future bodily resurrection and claim that denial as an allowable Christian option. N.T. Wright - The Resurrection of the Son of God