

The Resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Longer passages are not quoted in the study sheet, but they can be read in the accompanying transcript.

Job asked, “If a man dies, will he _____ again?” You may be asking that question, too. Today, we’re going to explore the great _____ that we have in Christ. The Word of God is the only book that can give us the true _____ to the most pressing questions of life: Where did we come from? Why are we here? What will happen to us after we die? The Scriptures tell us that God _____ us after His own image so that we might seek and serve Him. The Scriptures are such a blessing.

Job asked an important question, “If a man dies, will he live again?” From our _____ senses, we can’t answer that question. We don’t have any _____ record of someone who’s died and has been buried coming back to life, so it’s only natural for us to ask if there is life after death.

We do, however, have a record of the resurrection of the _____ _____. The apostles and many others were certainly eyewitnesses of the resurrection. They believed so _____ in the resurrection of Jesus Christ that they were willing to give their lives and suffer _____ in order to tell the story throughout the world. The resurrection of Jesus demonstrates God’s _____ to raise the dead.

The Scriptures reveal God’s eternal _____ to raise us up on the last day and take us home to heaven. That’s a message! One that fills us with hope. The Lord Jesus said, “This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day” (John 6:39-40).

Our reading today comes from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15:12-19.

When you ask people about what happens after death you’ll get _____ answers. Some think death is the _____, and a person just ceases to exist. Some say the righteous will live on while the unrighteous will _____ to exist. Others think that we’ll be reincarnated in different _____ forms on earth. Hebrews 9:27, however, teaches that we suffer death _____, and after this comes judgment. Even in the New Testament, the Sadducees and the Pharisees disagreed over whether there would be a resurrection. The Bible isn’t simply one voice among many; it speaks God’s _____ with authority. The Lord Jesus discussed the resurrection with the Sadducees. Let’s begin our study of the resurrection with that discussion.

Read what the Bible says in Matthew 22:23-32. This passage says that _____ does go on after death. The body dies but the spirit of a man continues to _____ in conscious form. The Bible presents the resurrection as _____ event, not two. Both the righteous and the

wicked will arise on _____ day. **Read what the Lord Jesus said in John 5:25-29.**

At the end time when Jesus comes again, He will call _____ who are in the tombs to come forth. That's everyone from every century in every place. Jesus won't leave out any body. He will raise _____ the saved and the lost all at the same time. All will come out of the _____ in answer to the call of Jesus Christ. He'll then _____ all men. The Scriptures teach us that there is but one _____ resurrection of all people. Paul said at Mars Hill, "there shall certainly be a resurrection of _____ the righteous and the wicked" (Acts 24:15).

For those who _____ God and _____ Him faithfully, belief in the resurrection is a great promise and comfort. As a minister, I've spent many hours at funeral homes and cemeteries. I've watched families _____ as they lowered the casket of a dearly loved one into the ground or placed it in a mausoleum. Nothing could bring back that loved one, but knowing that there is a resurrection helped to _____ them. We can be confident of the resurrection, because we know that the Lord never lies. We can trust every _____ from His mouth.

In John chapter 11, Jesus went to Bethany to _____ with the sisters of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. They were grieving over the _____ of Lazarus. The Lord Jesus told Martha, "'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to Him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?'" (John 11:23-26).

The Lord Jesus _____ with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and then He called Lazarus back to life. In spite of the fact that he had been in the tomb for _____ days and there would be a stench, Lazarus did miraculously come back to life. They moved that heavy stone, and they took the linen wrappings off of him, and they gave him back to his sisters _____. Everyone who was there saw the _____ and they believed it. Even the Jewish enemies of Jesus believed in His _____ to raise the dead. The enemies of Jesus said, "What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs (that is, miracles). If we let Him go on like this, all men will _____ in Him" (John 11:47-48). If He could raise Lazarus from the dead, my friend, He can raise you.

The Bible reveals that in the resurrection our bodies will _____. We die with flesh and blood, but we won't live throughout _____ in a body like we have now. Our bodies will be changed from this _____ body to a _____ body that is glorified and immortal. The Bible says, "Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot _____ the kingdom of God (that is, heaven) ; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be _____, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, 'Death is

swallowed up in _____. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:50-57).

The fleshly body is subject to death, but the body that is changed, the one we’ll have in the resurrection, will be first of all imperishable and second it will be immortal. It cannot _____. First Corinthians 15:42-44 says, “So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in _____; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in _____; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.” The body that we put into the ground will not be _____ the body that we’ll have once God has raised us up and changed us. This body is weak and _____ to illness and death. But that body will not have the _____ that this body has.

First Corinthians 15:47-49 says, “The first man (Adam) is from the _____, earthy; the second man is from _____. As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. Just as we have borne the _____ of the earthy, we will also bear the _____ of the heavenly.” In the resurrection, our bodies will be glorified like the body of the Lord Jesus. We won’t suffer there from a deteriorating body.

I love God’s promise, “Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we _____ be. We know that when He appears, we will be _____ Him, because we will see Him just as He is” (1 John 3:2). Our bodies will be spiritual and immortal. We’ll _____ the greatness and grandeur of our God because we’ll be changed. This will enable us to see and hear things in the spiritual and heavenly realm that we’ll _____ be able to see and hear in this life with a fleshly body.

Let’s not get so caught up in this life that we _____ that we have our permanent home, as Christians, in heaven. In baptism, we _____ with Christ and are raised up with Him to walk in _____ of life as children of God. One day Christ is coming back for us so that we might _____ with Him forever. The Bible says, “Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, (that is, you’ve been baptized and given this new life) keep _____ the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your _____ on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is _____ with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in _____” (Colossians 3:1-4).

When we’re baptized into Christ, God _____ us with Him in His burial and His resurrection. Through baptism, God makes us His children and gives us newness of life. When God unites us with Christ in baptism, our names are _____ in the book of life. This _____ us for the last day when Jesus comes again, and our bodies are raised imperishable, and we receive immortality. God grants us citizenship with Him in heaven in this life, but we’ll not enter into that heavenly home that He’s prepared for us until the resurrection of the body.

The apostle Paul helped the Philippians to understand about their _____ in heaven. Philippi was filled with retired Roman soldiers who were very _____ of their Roman citizenship. Our citizenship, as Christians, is in heaven; and the resurrection prepares our bodies to _____ in eternity. Paul said, “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly _____ for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will _____ the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the _____ that He has even to subject all things to Himself” (Philippians 3:20-21).

The Lord Jesus described how we will live in heaven. “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered _____ to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; for they cannot even _____ anymore, because they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection” (Luke 20:34-36). Many things will change in the resurrection. We’ll be like the angels, _____ and _____ God forever and ever.

We must so live that God may _____ us worthy to attain to the resurrection. We are saved by _____ through faith. The blood of Jesus _____ for us this opportunity. In Philippians 3, Paul longed to _____ Christ and the power of his resurrection. He wrote to the church in Thessalonica, “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved (or saved) complete, without blame at the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:23). That’s what we hope for you, that you’ll be saved just like that.

Since you are going to _____ death and judgment someday, shouldn’t you think about your relationship with God? The Bible gives us the _____ of a resurrection. The Bible says, “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give _____ to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you” (Romans 8:11).

Since the resurrection will lead either to life or to judgment, we should _____ life and blessing. The Lord will come again; He will raise us up from the _____, and give us new bodies. The Bible says, “We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this _____ fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure” (1 John 3:2-3). Where is your hope? Are you pure and right with God? Are your sins forgiven? First Peter 1:22 tells us that we purify our souls through our _____ to the truth. Have you obeyed the gospel truth? Have you remained faithful to the Lord?

We obey the gospel through faith and repentance. Upon the confession of our faith we are baptized into Christ Jesus and His death. It’s at that time that His blood cleanses us from sin and causes us to be born again in newness of life according to Romans 6:3-7. So we ask, will you put on Christ and obey the gospel today?