



# You Can't Keep a Good Man Down (1 Cor 15)

Christ's Resurrection and Its  
Implications



# Why a Resurrection Chapter?

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





# Six Sections of 1 Cor 15

- 1) Resurrection = the heart of the Gospel (1-11)
- 2) Seven disastrous consequences if no resurrection (12-19)
- 3) Two benefits of the resurrection (20-28)
- 4) Two more consequences if there is no resurrection (29-34)
- 5) The resurrection body (35-49)
- 6) The Rapture (50-58)

# Resurrection is the Heart of the Gospel (15:1-11)

- Definition of the Gospel
- Predicted in the Old Testament (1-4)
- Attested to by eyewitnesses (5-11)

# Resurrection of Christ Predicted in the Old Testament (15:1-4)

- Psalm 16:10
- Isaiah 53:10



# 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)



# 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)



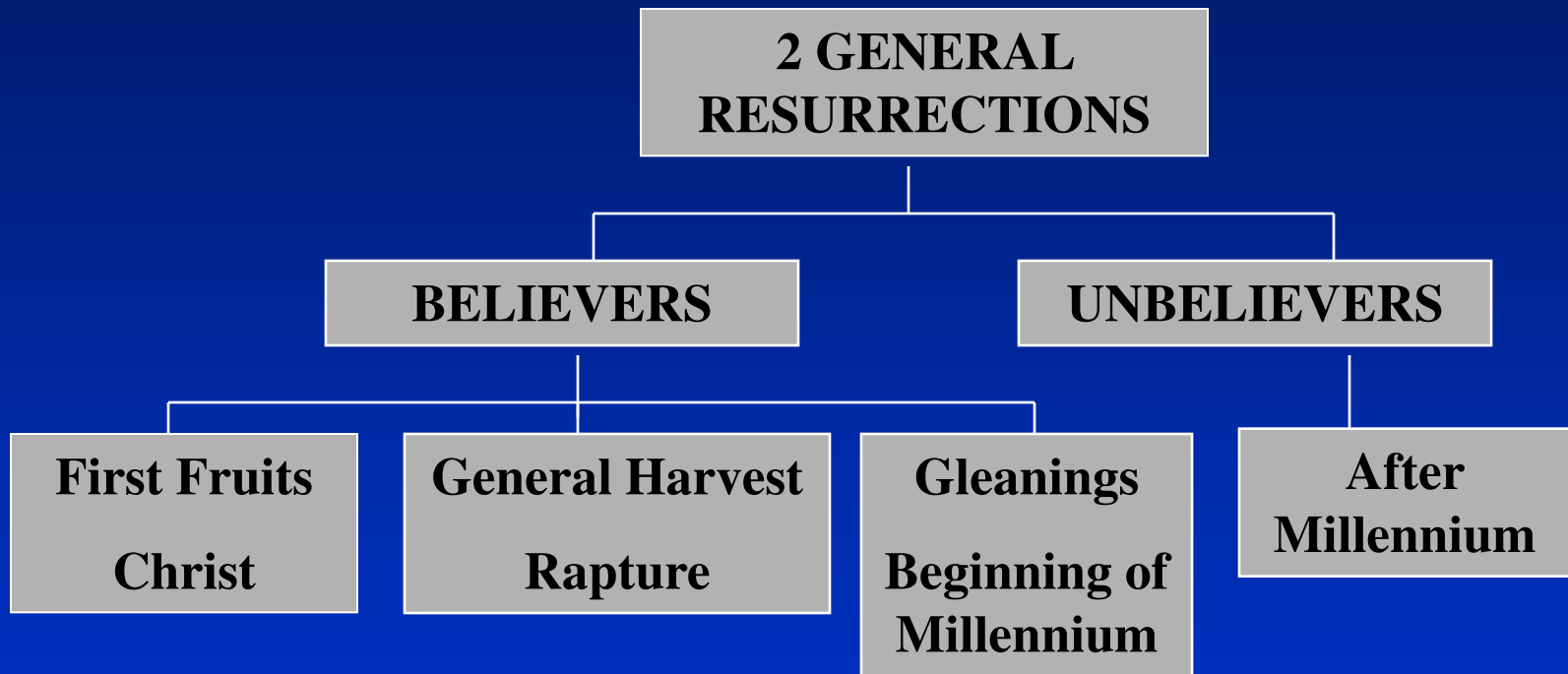


# 2 Benefits of Christ's Resurrection (15:20-28)

- 1) Guarantees believer's resurrection (20-23)
- 2) Guarantees the Father's ultimate victory (24-28)



# God's Resurrection Program



# Order or *Tagma* (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)

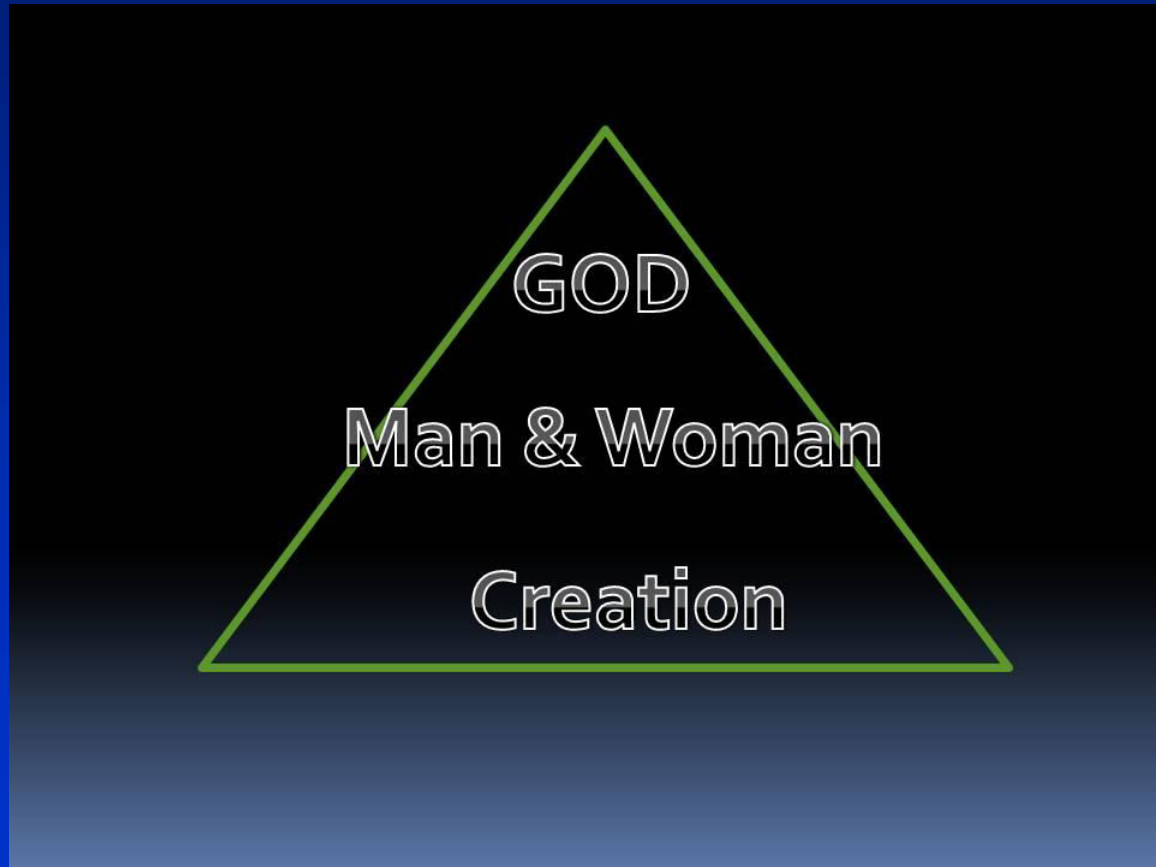


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# Theocratic Administrator





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## 2 Negative Consequences If There is No Resurrection (15:29-34)

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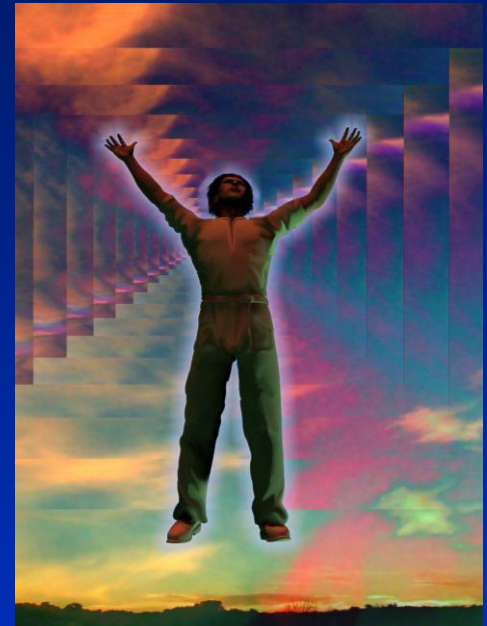
2) Futility of self-sacrifice (30-32)

- Paul's concluding exhortation (33-34)
  - Separate from bad company (33)
  - Gain knowledge (34)



# What Type of Body?

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



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

## Earthly Body

- Perishable
- Lowly
- Weak
- Natural

## Heavenly Body

- Imperishable
- Honorable
- Powerful
- Spiritual



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

- Current body: physical, earthly body proceeding from Adam
- Future body: spiritual, heavenly body proceeding from Christ



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- Mystery (51a)
- A generation of Christians to be spared from death (51b)
- Instantaneous (52a)
- Last trump (52b)
- Preparation for eternity (50, 53)
- Victory over death (54-57)
- Positive impact upon daily life (58)



# 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?

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





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