**The Day Death Will Die**

1 Corinthians 15:12-58

**1 Corinthians 15:12 (ESV)**Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

**John 11:25-26 (ESV)**Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

1. **The Spiritual Significance of the Resurrection of Believers**

**1 Corinthians 15:13 (ESV)**But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

**1 Corinthians 15:14 (ESV)**And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

**1 Corinthians 15:15 (ESV)**We are even found to be misrepresenting God …

**1 Corinthians 15:17 (ESV)**… your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

**1 Corinthians 15:18 (ESV)**Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

**1 Corinthians 15:19 (ESV)**If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

**1 Corinthians 15:20 (ESV)**But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**1 Corinthians 15:21 (ESV)**For as by a man came death, by a Man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

**1 Corinthians 15:22 (ESV)**For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

**1 Corinthians 15:25 (ESV)**For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

**1 Corinthians 15:26 (ESV)**The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**1 Corinthians 15:29 (ESV)**Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf?

**1 Corinthians 15:30 (ESV)**Why are we in danger every hour?

**1 Corinthians 15:31 (ESV)**I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day!

**1 Corinthians 15:32 (ESV)**What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

**1 Corinthians 15:33 (ESV)**Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

**1 Corinthians 15:34 (ESV)**Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

1. **The Physical Nature of the Resurrection of Believers**

**1 Corinthians 15:35 (ESV)**But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?”

**1 Corinthians 15:36 (ESV)**You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

**1 Corinthians 15:37 (ESV)**And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

**1 Corinthians 15:38 (ESV)**But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

**1 Corinthians 15:39 (ESV)**For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.

**1 Corinthians 15:42 (ESV)**So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

**1 Corinthians 15:43 (ESV)**It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

**1 Corinthians 15:44 (ESV)**It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

**1 Corinthians 15:47 (ESV)**The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second Man is from heaven.

**1 Corinthians 15:48 (ESV)**As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the Man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.

**1 Corinthians 15:49 (ESV)**Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the Man of heaven.

**Luke 24:39 (ESV)**See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

**Philippians 3:20 (ESV)**But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

**Philippians 3:21 (ESV)**who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

**1 John 3:2 (ESV)**Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.

1. **The Eternal Victory of the Resurrection**

**1 Corinthians 15:50 (ESV)**I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

**1 Corinthians 15:51 (ESV)**Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

**1 Corinthians 15:52 (ESV)**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 shall be changed.

**1 Corinthians 15:53 (ESV)**For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

**1 Corinthians 15:54 (ESV)**When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

**1 Corinthians 15:55 (ESV)**“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

**1 Corinthians 15:56 (ESV)**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**1 Corinthians 15:57 (ESV)**But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)**Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.