VICTORY ON A TRIUMPHANT MORNING

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1 Corinthians 15:3-53 and Selected Scriptures



The Heart of the Matter

Death is one of the greatest fears in life! Many people would do anything to escape it. But there it is, refusing to go away. When pain, suffering, and death threatened Job, he asked, "If a man dies, will he live again?" (Job 14:14). Job didn't ask whether or not a person will rise from the dead at the end of time, but whether or not he or she will continue to live, even though his body waits in the grave. Jesus answered this question in John 11:25, reminding Lazarus's grieving sister that He—Jesus—is the resurrection and the *life*. Those who believe in Him will live, even if they die. When He rose from the dead, Jesus proved this truth. Through faith in Him, Christians will live beyond the grave!



Discovering the Way

1. The Big Bugaboo

Genesis 3:19 says, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." How do you view death? You can fear it, just accept it, or live your life in light of it.

2. Life is tough! (Job 14:7-14; 19:25-26)

Life is hard and then we die. So, where do you find hope? Death is inescapable, but through Christ it's not the end!

3. We will live! (John 11:12–26; 1 Corinthians 15:3–23, 51–53)

Christians can hope in continuing life after death, and future, physical resurrection! What evidence did Jesus provide to support this fact? How will you apply this truth to your life?



Starting Your Journey

We have disarmed our fear of death and now understand that faith in Jesus Christ results in eternal life. Now it's time to come to the cross in faith, confess our sins, and ask the Father of our Lord Jesus to forgive us and make us clean. If you have done this, thank Him for *life*!



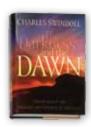


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