**Second Dimension – Christianity Experienced**

**Segment VI – The Culmination (Concepts 54-60)Progressive Bible Concepts - #59 “Resurrection”**

**Discussion Question**

* For the believer, death and resurrection are like two sides of the same c\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Survey of Belief in the Resurrection *Poll of Scientists (1957 Total respondents – 228):***

1. *Affirmed belief in the resurrection – \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_%*
2. *Denied the resurrection – \_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_%*
3. *Preferred not to express an opinion – 28-12%*
4. *Did not know – 23-10%*
5. *Protestant – 88-38%*
6. *Denied the resurrection – \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_%*

**Survey of Belief in the Resurrection *Rasmussen Report (surveys):***

* *2012 – \_\_\_\_% of Americans believe in Jesus’ resurrection*
* *2013 – \_\_\_\_% of Americans believe in Jesus’ resurrection*
* *Barna Report – What percentage of professing Christians in America believe Jesus had a physical resurrection?* 
  + *Between half and three quarters. \_\_\_\_%*

**Apostles’ Creed**

* I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
* And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he r\_\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
* I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the b\_\_\_\_\_\_; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Historical Uniqueness of the Resurrection**

* *“When a Christian believer recites the Apostles Creed, he confesses the absolute uniqueness and supernaturalness of Jesus Christ and the particular h\_\_\_\_\_\_ He has brought to men. No other world religion has framed a confession affirming such an idea as this. Some religions vaguely affirm belief in immortality but none ever even hints that*

*its founder had, in some point in time on earth, come forth from a tomb in a resurrection body. Arnold Toynbee in his epochal work, The “Study of History” finds 87 events in the life of Christ parallel with events in the lives of ancient heroes, but finds no parallel whatsoever to Jesus’ resurrection. Whatever be the rich legacies of the great thinkers and cultures of the ancient world, they have left n\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the doctrine of the resurrection of the body.”* Bakers Theological Dictionary

**Resurrection Defined 2 Key Words:**

* *Avastasis* – derived from the verb *anistemi*; a s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up, a r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up; also - e*xanastasin* – o\_\_\_\_-resurrection from among the dead; 40 NT uses
* *Egersis –* a r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up, a rising; a w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up as from sleep, (awakening from the sleep of d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_); 12 NT uses

The words are used i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with no specific difference between them.

**Theological Meaning:**

* *“The central, defining doctrine and claim of the Christian faith is the resurrection of Jesus Christ, whom God brought forth from the dead. The resurrection of the dead refers to the p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ based upon the bodily resurrection of Jesus, that all believers will one day join Christ in the resurrection. Believers will be transformed, that is, renewed both morally and physically with “spiritual” bodies adapted for eternal life with God.”* Pocket Dictionary Theological Terms, pg 102.

**Resurrection in the OT**

**3 Case Studies:**

* Widow’s son – I Kings 17:22 – *“And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah, and the l\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the (dead)child returned to him and he r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*
* Shunnamite woman’s son *–* II Kings 4:34 *– “And he (Elijah) went up and lay on the (dead)child…and the flesh of the child became w\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*
* Israelite Man *– “And Elisha died…and they cast a (dead)man into the grave of Elisha, and he r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and stood up on his feet.” II Kings 13:20,21*

**Resurrection of the dead in the OT:**

* *“Your dead will live; their corpses will a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, You who lie in the dust, a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and shout for joy.” Isaiah 26:19*
* *“And many of those who s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the dust of the ground will a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, these to everlasting life, but the others to everlasting contempt.” Daniel 12:2*

**Resurrection in the Intertestamental Period:**

* *“As faith in resurrection became increasingly common, more and more frequently expressed during the period before Christ, at the time of the advent of Christ it “had*
* *become almost u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dogma of Palestinian Judaism and a t\_\_\_\_\_\_ of orthodoxy.” Baker’s Theological Dictionary*
* *“But perceiving that one group were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, Paul began crying out in the Council, “Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am on trial for the hope and resurrection of the dead!” 7As he said this, there occurred a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. 8For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor an angel, nor a spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.” Acts 23:6-8*

**Resurrection in the NT**

**Case Study #1: Son of the widow of Nain – Luke 7:11-18**

* *“Now as he approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, a widow...He approached…the coffin and said, “Young man, I say to you, a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!” and the dead man s\_\_\_\_ u\_\_ and began to speak and Jesus gave him back to his mother.”*

**Case Study #2: Daughter of Jairus – Matt 9:23-26**

* *“When Jesus came into the official’s house, and saw the flute-players and the crowd in noisy disorder, 24He said, “Leave; for the girl has not died, but is asleep.” And they began laughing at Him. 25But when the crowd had been sent out, He entered and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. 26This news spread throughout all that land.”*

**Case Study #3: Lazarus – John 11:43-45**

* *“When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.” The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus \*said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, believed in Him.”*

**Jesus’ Resurrection in the NT:**

* *“From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be k\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and be r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ u\_\_ on the third day.”* Matt 16:21
* *“But coming to Jesus, when they saw that he was already d\_\_\_\_\_\_, they did not break his legs…”* John 19:33
* *“To these He also presented Himself a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after His s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, by many c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, appearing (10 times) to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.”* Acts 1:3

**Jesus’ Resurrection in the OT:**

* “*Then He opened their minds to understand the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day…”* Luke 24:45, 46
* *“For as yet they did not understand the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that he must rise again form the dead.”* John 20:9
* *“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,”* I Cor 15:3,4

**Theological Implications of the Resurrection:**

1. Confirmed the t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s prediction
2. Confirmed Christ’s p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and completed His w\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. It serves as the f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the believer’s resurrection
4. It has day to day influence on the believer who lives in resurrection p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Resurrection Body of the Believer:**

1. It will be i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the earthly body
2. It will have the q\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of incorruptibility, beauty, and power
3. It will be a s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ body in contrast to our natural body
4. It will be like unto the body of the r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lord Jesus.

**I Corinthians 15 Outline**

1. F\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s Resurrection – vs 1-11
2. The K\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Resurrection – vs 12-19
3. The O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Resurrections – vs 20-28
4. The M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Implications of the Resurrection – vs 29-34
5. The N\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Resurrection – vs 35-49
6. The Final T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Blast – vs 50-58

**Fact of Christ’s Resurrection – vs 1-11**

* *“Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;”*
* *Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.0But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed*.” I Cor 15:1-11

**Summary – vs 1-11**

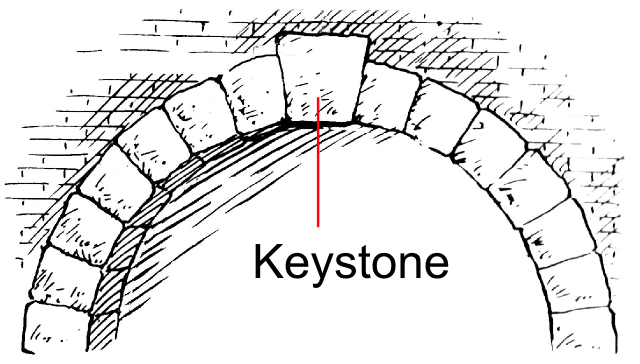
1. The gospel is the message which is preached, received, causes others to stand and be saved, is the message to which we should h\_\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Heart of the gospel – Christ died, was buried, and r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the third day according to the scriptures
3. C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the resurrection – Jesus appearing to Cephas, the twelve, five hundred at once, James, all the apostles, and then Paul.

**The Keystone of the Resurrection – vs 12-19**

* ***“Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?*** *13But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; 14and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. 15Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. 16For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; 17and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. 18Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied*.”

**Summary vs 12-19**

1. How is it that some do not believe in the resurrection of the d\_\_\_\_\_\_?
2. That in turn d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the resurrection of Christ
3. This in turn n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the preaching of the gospel and the faith of those who believe it
4. Ultimately, the dead in Christ have not been saved but have in fact p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Those alive in Christ are living out a pathetic d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



**The Order of the Resurrection – vs 20-28**

* *“But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. 21For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ’s at His coming, 24then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. 25For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. 26The last enemy that will be abolished is death*. *For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, “All things are put in subjection,” it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him. 28When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.”*

**Summary: vs 20-28 – The Chronology of the Resurrection**

* Christ, the first f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of those who are asleep
* Those who are Christ’s at His c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The k\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is delivered up to the Father
* After all rule, authority, and power is a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Death, the f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enemy is abolished
* All t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will be subjected Christ
* Christ will be subjected to the F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* God is all in a\_\_\_\_.

**Resurrection’s Moral Implications – vs 29-34:**

* *“Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?”* *Why are we also in danger every hour? 31I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. 32If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die. 33Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.” 34Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning; for some have no knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.”*

**Summary: vs 29-34**

* Why the Baptism for the dead if they are not raised?
* Why are we in constant d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from adversaries of the gospel?
* If the dead are not raised, why b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the afterlife?
* Bad c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ corrupts good m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – be sober and stop sinning (by doubting the resurrection)
* Skeptics without true knowledge of God will always be a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

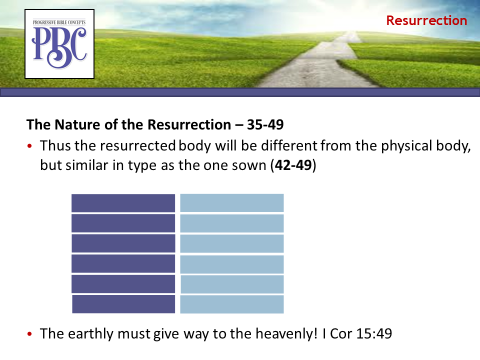
**The Nature of the Resurrection: vs 35-49**

* *“But someone will say, “How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?” 36You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; 37and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own. 39All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish. 40There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another. 41There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; 43it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 45So also it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living soul.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. 47The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. 48As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. 49Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.”*

**Summary: vs 35-49**

**Two Questions:**

* What kind of bodies will they have?
  + It will be different from the one sown, just as the plant is different from the seed (35-38) The g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of wheat differs from the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of wheat.
* Illustrations of the different types of bodies: (39-41)
  + P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ world - Human, beasts, birds, and fish!
  + H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ world – Sun, moon, and stars!
* Thus the resurrected body will be different from the physical body, but similar in type as the one sown (42-49)



**The Final Trumpet Blast – vs 50-58**

* *“Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52in 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. 53For 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 victory. 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. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord*.”

**Summary: vs 50-58**

**How will the dead be raised?**

1. A\_\_\_\_ shall be changed, whether dead or alive
2. It will occur in the t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of an eye, at the last t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. The Dead will be r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. The perishable will put on i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Earthly death will lose its s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and be s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up in heavenly life
6. Believers will be v\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over death through Jesus Christ
7. A final e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord

**Resurrection – Your Thoughts?**

* *Have you ever considered the future reality of your own resurrection?*
* *What are your feelings toward being resurrected?*
* *How has your faith affected your view of death and resurrection?*

**Summary – Concept 59**

* Our transition from the earthly life to the heavenly afterlife begins at death and ends with the resurrection.

**Next Week – Concept 60**

* The New Heavens and the New Earth