

# NO ZOMBIES ALLOWED: RESURRECTION AND OUR HOPE IN CHRIST

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- **Greatest fear?**
- **No zombies! (Ac 13:32-39)**
- **Resurrection—our hope in Christ**
- **Futile empty tomb theories**
  1. Swoon--Jesus fainted on cross, revived in tomb & appeared “alive” (Blood & water from side proves death—Jn 19:33-34)
  2. Theft--disciples stole Jesus’ body & said He was alive (Guards bribed; should have died for sleeping on job—Mt 28:12-14)
  3. Hallucination--disciples thought they saw Jesus alive (Thomas touched Him—Jn 20:27-28)
  4. Fraud--disciples lied about all events (Why die for lie?)
- **Believer and unbeliever**
- **2 parts of you as unbeliever**
  1. Body
  2. Soul
- **God gives spiritual life (Ep 2:4-5; Jn 3:3-6)**
- **3 parts of you as believer (1 Th 5:23)**
  1. Body (*soma*)
  2. Soul (*psuche*)
    - *Mind, will, emotions*
  3. Spirit (*pneuma*)
    - *Relationship with God*
- **Death--separation of soul from body (Ec 12:1, 7)**
  1. Body in grave (Ge 3:19)
  2. Soul
    - *Of believers—with God (Ac 7:59)*
    - *Of unbelievers—without God (1 Pe 3:18-20; Lk 16:19-31)*
  3. No reincarnation (He 9:27)
- **Resurrection--rejoining of soul with body on last day (Da 12:2)**
- **Christ’s return & resurrection (1 Th 4:13-18)**
  1. Christ’s return (1 Th 4:16)
    - *With souls of dead believers (1 Th 4:14)*
  2. Dead believers’ bodies change/rise first (1 Th 4:16)
  3. Living believers’ bodies changed instantaneously (1 Co 15:51-52; 1 Th 4:17)
  4. Dead unbelievers’ bodies rise also (Jn 5:28-29)
- **Resurrected bodies (1 Co 15:42-54)**
  1. Imperishable—no disease/decay (42)
  2. Glorified—nothing shameful (43)
  3. Powerful—no tiring (43)
  4. Spiritual—not like this natural one (44)
  5. Christ-like—not like this sinful one (49; Ph 3:21)
  6. Immortal—no death (53)
- **God gives eternal life (1 Co 15:55-58)**
- **Motivation to witness (C. S. Lewis)**

“There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilization—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.” (*The Weight of Glory*)