

**Hope Beyond Death**  
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1Corinthians 15:1-11  
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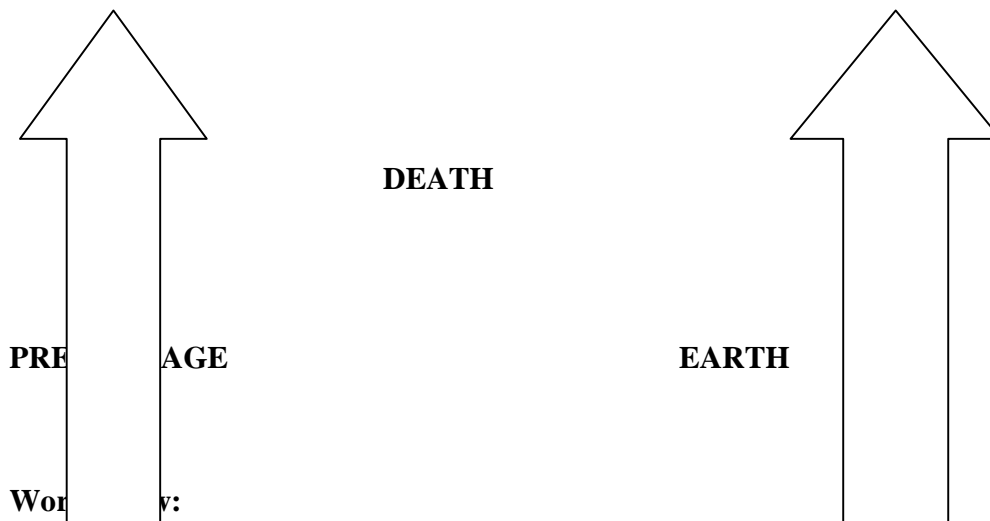
**Synopsis:**

What we believe about the resurrection of the body determines both our hope now and after we die. In the Apostles Creed we proclaim, "I believe in the resurrection of the body." Many have misunderstood this phrase. For the next few months we are going to look at the Bible's view of the resurrection. You will be surprised by the hope God is offering us.

**I.**  
**COMMON VIEW OF RESURRECTION**

**AGE TO COME**

**HEAVEN**



The creation is evil. Heaven and earth are separate. Earth and bodies corrupt. When we die, immortal souls go to heaven to be with God.

**New Thing with Jesus:**

Nothing new. Resurrection shows what will happen to everyone when they die. Our souls go to heaven to be with God. Our bodies corrupt.

**Example Hymns:**

This World is Not My Home  
Roll Jordan Roll: Going to go to heaven when I die  
Swing Low Sweet Chariot  
I'll Fly Away  
Sweet By and By

When We All Get to Heaven  
How Great Thou Art (Christ shall come . . . home)

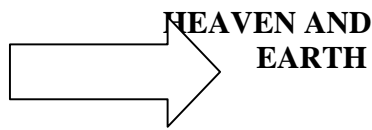
III.  
**BIBLICAL VIEW OF RESURRECTION**

**PRESENT AGE**



**RESURRECTION**

**(HEAVEN)  
EARTH**



**World View:**

The creation is good. Heaven and earth will unite. Earth and bodies will be transformed. When God raises the dead bodily, the new age begins:

- sins forgiven
- exile over
- Messiah reigns in justice and righteousness
- heaven unites with earth.

**New Thing with Jesus:**

Jesus has died and been raised bodily *ahead* of the general resurrection. Thus, in Jesus the Messiah, the new age has begun ahead of time. When we die, we are present with Jesus, awaiting the resurrection of our bodies.

Example Hymns:

This is My Father's World #58 verse 3  
For All the Saints #546 verse 5  
Jesus Lives and So Shall I #224  
Kingdom of God #547

IV.

**What is the Gospel?**

1Cor 15:4 He was raised on the third day

READ 1Corinthians 15:1-11 (vv 3-8)

Very early creedal statement

1. Event = death, burial, resurrection
2. Scripture = what God has been doing
3. Witnesses = real people in real places

Gospel:

Following bodily death and burial, the Messiah Jesus was bodily raised from the death. Many saw him. With this event, the new age has broken into the present age.

In Jesus Christ we can now experience and practice:

Forgiveness of sins  
Return from exile  
Reign of Jesus in justice and righteousness  
Heaven uniting with earth  
Renewal of the creation  
Promise of bodily resurrection in future