

- · Idea that Suicide condemns someone to Hell
 - The Catholic Catechism asserts, "Everyone is responsible for his life before God who has given it to him. It is God who remains the sovereign Master of life. We are obliged to accept life gratefully and preserve it for his honor and the salvation of our souls. We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of "(#2280).
 - Catechism states, "Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide" (#2282)

The Bible mentions six specific people who committed suicide:

Abimelech (<u>Judges 9:54</u>), Saul (<u>1 Samuel 31:4</u>), Saul's armor-bearer (<u>1 Samuel 31:4–6</u>), Ahithophel (<u>2 Samuel 17:23</u>), Zimri (<u>1 Kings</u> <u>16:18</u>), and Judas (<u>Matthew 27:5</u>).

- Five of these men were noted for their wickedness (the exception is Saul's armor-bearer—nothing is said of his character).
- Some consider Samson's death an instance of suicide, because he knew his actions would lead to his death (<u>Judges 16:26–31</u>)

Only One Unpardonable Sin

28 "Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; 29 but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"

Mark 3:28-29

- They were calling what was "of God" being "of Satan."
- They were rejecting the Lord by denying He is God.

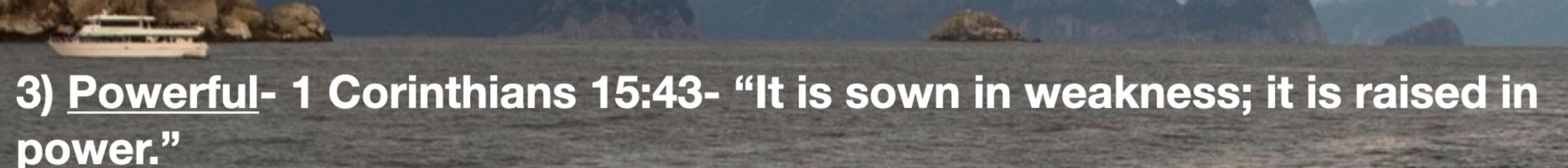


WITHOUT THE RESURRECTION WE ARE LIKE EVERY OTHER RELIGION, STAKING OUR HOPE ON A <u>DEAD</u> MAN.





- 1) Imperishable 1 Corinthians 15:42- "So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable."
 - Lazarus was resuscitated not resurrected
 - Your body will never age, never decline, never die.
- 2) Glorious- 1 Corinthians 15:43- "It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory."
 - When Moses came off the mountain, after seeing God, his face was shining.
 - Transfiguration of Jesus- there was a brightness and radiance about Him.



- Think about those in wheelchairs or other physical limitations.
- We are going to have more stamina, coordination, speed, durability than we ever had.
- 4) Godly- 1 Corinthians 15:44- "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body."
 - Your body will always be ready to serve the Lord. No longer be the spirit is willing but the <u>flesh</u> is weak.
 - Honoring God will be as natural as <u>breathing</u> is to us now!

1) Jesus Resurrection

- He is the <u>first</u> fruits of the resurrection
- 1 Cor. 15:20-23- starts and end with Jesus

2) Second Coming of Christ

- The dead and living saints meet Jesus in the air.
- For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17



3) The Old Testament <u>Saints</u> will resurrect.

- At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.
 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:1-2
- These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, 40 since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. Hebrews 11:39-40



4) The resurrection of <u>unrighteous</u> for judgment

 Rev. 20:12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds

 John 5:28-29 28 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice 29 and come out those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned



Redeemed and Resurrected Body

- When do we receive our resurrected body?
 - When Christ Returns our souls and resurrected body unite.
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17- For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

BODILY ISSUES

- What if a person's body is completely decomposed?
- What if a person is lost at sea?
- What if they were an organ donor?
- What if they were cremated?

BODILY ISSUES

• 1) If God created all things out of nothing and has the power to raise us from the dead surely he can handle <u>reforming</u> our bodies.

• 2) 1 Corinthians 15:42-44- So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. 43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.





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