

## *PROMISES, PROMISES, PROMISES...*

*Jesus said, "What shall a man profit if he gains the whole world but loses his own life." – Matthew 16:26*

*"If only in this life we have hope, then we are of all people to be pitied." – 1 Corinthians 15:19*

### **Three most important questions about life after death:**

#### **1. Is there life after death?**

*"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the twelve." – 1 Corinthians 15:3-5*

*"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here; he is risen just the way he said that he would." – Luke 24:5*

*"We know Jesus is alive because we have seen him." – 1 Corinthians 5:8-9*

*"Last of all, he appeared to me too." – 1 Corinthians 5:8*

*"If it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead." – 1 Corinthians 15:12*

*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me though he were dead, yet shall he live." – John 11:25*

#### **2. What is life after death like?**

*"Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." – 1 Corinthians 15:20*

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**First fruits – an example of that which is to come.**

**First, there was a separation of body.**

*“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” – Luke 23:46*

*“This day you’re going to be with me in paradise.” – Luke 23:43*

*“The Lord will come down from heaven with the spirits of those who have fallen asleep, there will be a loud command, and the dead in Christ will rise first.” – 1 Thessalonians 4:16*

**Secondly... our resurrected body will be a physical one.**

*“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I, Myself. Touch me and see. A ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.’ When he had said this he showed them his hands and feet. While they still did not believe it because of the joy and amazement, he asked them, ‘Do you have anything to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he ate it in their presence.” – Luke 24:38-39*

### **3. How are the dead raised?**

*“Someone may ask, ‘How are the dead raised?’” – 1 Corinthians 15:35*

*“The dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.” – 1 Corinthians 15:52*

*“the perishable will clothe itself with the imperishable. Death will be swallowed up in victory.” – 1 Corinthians 15:53-54*

*“Now in my Father’s house there are many rooms, many activities.” – John 14:2*

*“The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through Christ Jesus our Lord.” – 1 Corinthians 15:56*

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