

The Existence of the Resurrection

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- ◆ **Ecclesiastes 8:8** No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit, And no one has power in the day of death. *There is no release* from that war, And wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it.

Death Came through One Man

- ◆ **Genesis 2:16-17** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for **in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**"

Death Spread to All Men

- ◆ **Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and **death through sin**, and thus **death spread to all men**, because all sinned --

Philosophers from Athens reject the idea of a resurrection

- ◆ **Acts 17:32-33** And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, **some mocked**, while **others said**, "We will hear you again on this *matter*." So Paul departed from among them.

Some men in the church claimed
that there is no resurrection

- ◆ **1 Corinthians 15:12** 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?**

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How do people seek to cope with the power of death?

- ◆ Magical practices
- ◆ Occultism
- ◆ Religion
- ◆ Wealth
- ◆ Power
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Diet
- ◆ Exercise
- ◆ Government

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Isaiah 25:7-9

- ◆ And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. And it will be said in that day: "Behold, *this is our God*; We have waited for Him, and *He will save us*. *This is the LORD*; We have waited for Him; *We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.*"

Daniel 12:2, 13

- ◆ And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.
- ◆ "But you, go *your way* till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."

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Isaiah 53:10-11

- ◆ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, **He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days,** And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. **He shall see** the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.

Isaiah 53:12

- ◆ Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And **He shall divide the spoil with the strong**, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm 16:10

- ◆ For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

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People who came back to life in the Old Testament

- ◆ The son of a widow by Elijah (1 Kings 17:17-24)
- ◆ The son of the Shunamite woman by Elisha (2 Kings 4:8-37)
- ◆ A man being buried when his body came in contact with Elisha's bones (2 Kings 13:20-21)

Men who did not experience death

- ◆ Enoch (Gen 5:24)
- ◆ Elijah (2 Kings 2:11-12)

People who Jesus brought back to life during His earthly ministry

- ◆ The daughter of Jairus (Mar 5:39-43; Luk 8:52-56; Mat 9:23-26)
- ◆ The son of the widow of Nain (Luk 7:11-16)
- ◆ Lazarus (John 11:38-45)

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John 10:17-18

- ◆ "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

Matthew 12:39-40

- ◆ But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except **the sign of the prophet Jonah**. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will **the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth**.

Luke 24:5-7

- ◆ Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how **He spoke** to you when He was still in Galilee, **saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered** into the hands of sinful men, **and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'** "

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- ◆ The Bible presents the authentication of the good news of the resurrection with supernatural events

Acts 4:33

- ◆ And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:16

- ◆ saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that **a notable miracle has been done through them** *is evident* to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and **we cannot deny it.**

Acts 26:22-23

- ◆ "Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, **witnessing both to small and great,** saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come -- that the Christ would suffer, **that He would be the first to rise from the dead,** and would proclaim light to the *Jewish* people and to the Gentiles."

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

- ◆ For since by man *came* death, *by* Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

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Romans 4:20-22

- ◆ He [Abraham] did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Romans 4:23-25

- ◆ Now it was not written for his sake alone that **it was imputed to him**, but also for us. **It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead**, who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was **raised because of our justification**.

Luke 14:13-14

- ◆ "But when you give a feast, invite *the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind*. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for **you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.**"

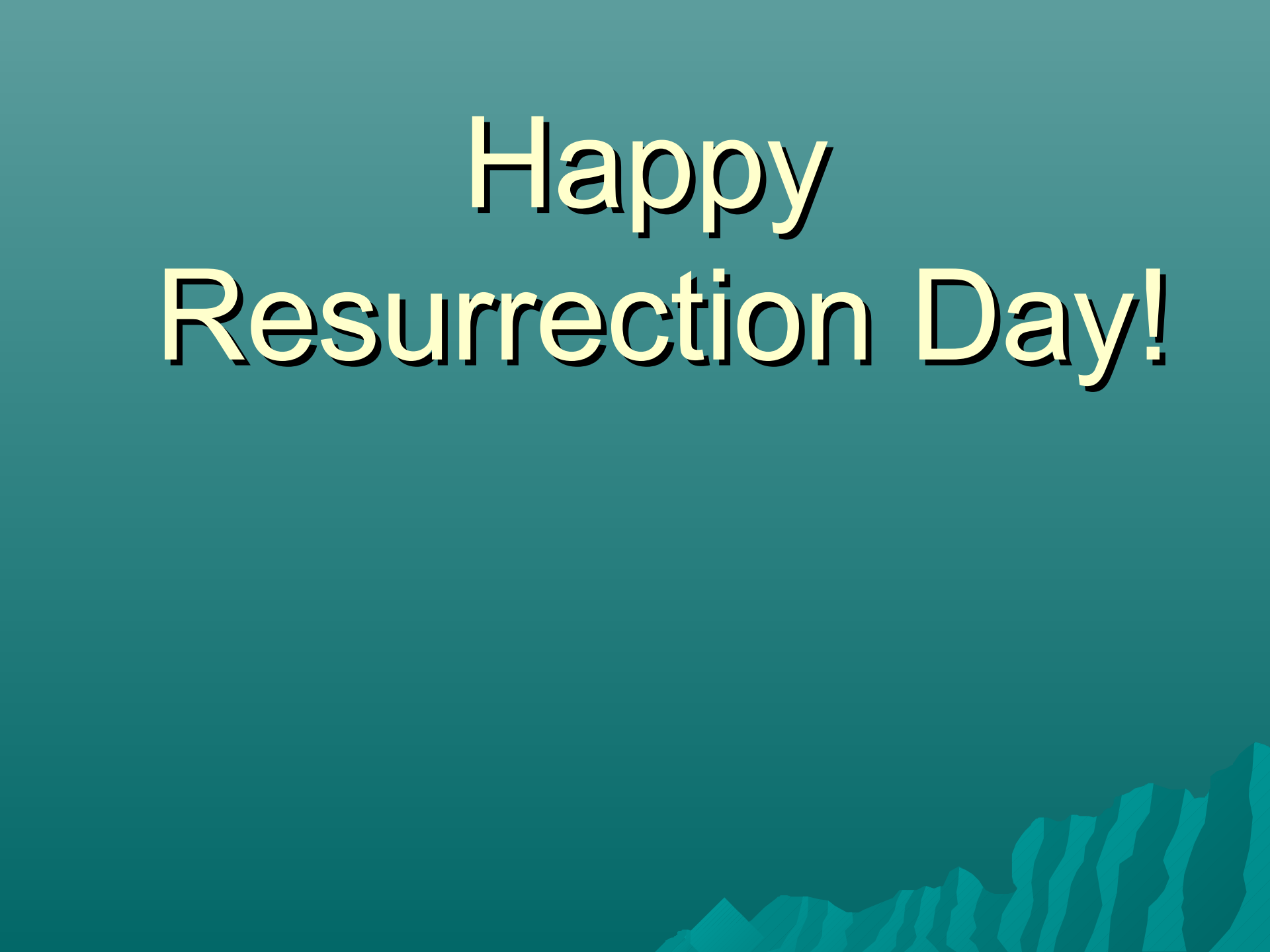
Romans 8:11-13

- ◆ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Therefore, brethren, **we are debtors** -- not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if **by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.**

1 Corinthians 15:57

- ◆ But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Resurrection Day!

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