



April 20, 2025
Easter Day

Today's Text Romans 8:1&31-39

He Has Risen

Sun
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship
5:30 Bible Study

Blessed Easter

Mon
6:30 Men's Bible Study

Tues
6:30 Women's Bible Study

Wed
6:30 Psalms Study & Prayer

Thurs
10:30 Sr. Bible Study
5:30 Bell Choir
7:00 20's & 30's Bible Study

Fri
7:00 Bible Study

Sat
5:00 Community Meal
(2nd & 3rd of every month)

Every year leading up to Easter Sunday, I find myself in 1 Corinthians 15 worshiping as I read that wonderful chapter. It's a chapter focused on the gospel of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, as well as the future resurrection of all people. The idea of a bodily resurrection for all human beings should excite us as Christians, especially after just finishing a detailed look at Romans 7. We human beings consist of an inner self and an outer self (2 Corinthians 4:16). The believer has already been renewed inwardly. But the ultimate perfection of us believers requires a renewed outside as well. This is the bodily resurrection that will come in the future. When a Christian dies, their body is left here on earth and goes into the ground. But upon death, the believer's inner self goes into God's presence. That separation will last until the bodily resurrection. There will be a new heaven and a new earth, and it will be filled with God's people for all of eternity. Those people will need a body to live in this new heaven and earth. Paul speaks of this happening in 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 - "Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed." Jesus was the first fruit to come from the grave. To understand what our resurrected bodies will be like, we have to look at the scriptures and see what Christ's resurrected body was like. When Jesus rose, He had the same body that He had before, except it was glorified. People could recognize Jesus as Himself after He allowed them to. That will be the same with us; we will be recognizable to each other, but all of us will be glorified, fit for Heaven. There's an anticipation that comes with knowing that we will be us, but glorified upon this resurrection. So think of the battle we face as Christians, where we war against the sin in our flesh, and look forward to your future resurrection, where that body will be glorified and that battle will be won. Worship God as you dwell on the resurrected Christ and the future resurrection of us into His likeness.