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Experience the Resurrection that Changes Everything

“Love That Makes All Things New”

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When the country is in chaos,
everybody has a plan to fix it —
But it takes a leader of real understanding
to straighten things out.

Proverbs 28:2 (TMB)

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❑ *Evil holds the world in its grip; sin has infected the human heart.*

❑ *And we want to know: What will God do about this?*

❑ *Does God offer us all new things, or can God really make all things new?*

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50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed —

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:50-53 (NKJV)

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54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O Death, where is your sting?
O Hades, where is your victory?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.
57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (NKJV)

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Christian hope is *not compensation*.
We are not waiting for God to “make it up to us” by giving us mansions or streets of gold. God is going to transform our very bodies to bodies that cannot perish or die.

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Christian hope is *not explanation*.

The bible does not tell the Corinthians that one day God will explain everything. Our hope is not grounded in the notion that one day we will understand everything. Our hope is grounded in the belief that one day everything will be made new!

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Christian hope is *not evacuation*.

Heaven is a wonderful place where we find rest in the presence of God.

But even heaven, for the early Christians, was not the focus of Christian hope.

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42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine
and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.
43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and
signs were done through the apostles.
44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things
in common,
45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them
among all, as anyone had need.

Acts 2:42-45 (NKJV)

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1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

Revelations 21:1-3 (NKJV)

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4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Revelations 21:4-5 (NKJV)

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23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:23-26 (ESV)

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

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