

To be or not to be, that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler in
the mind to suffer The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles And by opposing
end them.

To die: to sleep;

No more; and by a sleep to say we end The heart-ache and
the thousand natural shocks That flesh is heir to,

'tis a consummation Devoutly to be wish'd. To die, to sleep;

To sleep: perchance to dream: ay, there's the rub; For in that
sleep of death, what dreams may come.....

– Hamlet's soliloquy

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Paul's Chapter 15 Thesis:

What We Believe About Christ's
Resurrection Is A Matter of Faith

Paul's Core Arguments:

Argument 1:

If Christ is not risen, then this body and life is all you have.

- vv 12-34

Paul's Core Arguments:

Argument 2:

Since Christ is risen, this body has a hope and a future beyond this life.

- vv 35-58

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say, “There is no resurrection of the dead”? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain, and so is your faith.

Moreover, we are found to be false witnesses about God, because we have testified wrongly about God that He raised up Christ—whom He did not raise up,

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

if in fact the dead are not raised.

For if the dead are not raised, not

even Christ has been raised. And if

Christ has not been raised, your faith

is worthless; you are still in your sins.

Those, then, who have fallen asleep

in Christ have also perished.

If we have put our hope in Christ for

this life only, we should be pitied

more than anyone.

Point 1:

No Resurrection, No Hope

If Christ is Risen, Nothing Else
Matters and If Christ Is Not
Risen, Nothing Else Matters.

– Jaroslav Pelikan,
Late Christian Scholar

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man.

For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

But each in his own order:

Christ, the firstfruits; afterward, at His coming, those who belong to Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when He abolishes all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He puts all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be abolished is death. For God has put everything under His feet. Now when it says “everything” is put under Him, it is obvious that He who puts everything under Him is the exception.

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

When everything is subject to Christ, then the Son Himself will also be subject to the one who subjected everything to Him, so that God may be all in all.

Point 2:

Christ's Resurrection
Secures Our Future

1 Corinthians 15:28

When everything is subject to Christ, then the Son Himself will also be subject to the one who subjected everything to Him, so that God may be all in all.

1 Corinthians 15:29-34

Otherwise what will they do who are being baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, then why are people baptized for them? Why are we in danger every hour? I face death every day, as surely as I may boast about you, brothers and sisters, in Christ Jesus our Lord. If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus as a mere man, what good did that do me? If the dead are not raised, Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.

1 Corinthians 15:29-34

Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”
Come to your senses and stop sinning; for some people are ignorant about God. I say this to your shame.

Point 3:

A Secured Future Leads
To A Present Faithfulness

Argument 2:

Since Christ Is Risen, This Body
Has A Hope and Future Beyond
This Life

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? What kind of body will they have when they come?”

You fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

And as for what you sow—you are not sowing the body that will be, but only a seed, perhaps of wheat or another grain. But God gives it a body as He wants, and to each of the seeds its own body.

Not all flesh is the same flesh;

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

there is one flesh for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is different from that of the earthly ones. There is a splendor of the sun, another of the moon, and another of the stars; in fact, one star differs from another star in splendor. So it is with the resurrection of the dead: Sown in corruption, raised in incorruption;

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

sown in dishonor, raised in glory;
sown in weakness, raised in power;
sown a natural body, raised a
spiritual body. If there is a natural
body, there is also a spiritual body.
So it is written, The first man Adam
became a living being; the last
Adam became a life-giving spirit.
However, the spiritual is not first,
but the natural, then the spiritual.
The first man was from the earth, a
man of dust; the second man is
from heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Like the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; like the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Point 4:

We Will Not Transcend
But Be Transformed

1 John 3:2

Dear friends, we are already God's children, but He has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He really is.

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor can corruption inherit incorruption. Listen, I am telling you a mystery: We will not all fall asleep, but we will 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 incorruptible, and we will be changed. For this corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body must be clothed with immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

When this corruptible body is clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body is clothed with immortality, then the saying that is written will take place:

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Where, death, is your victory?

Where, death, is your sting?

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

Point 5:

We Are Resurrected
Into Final Victory

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Point 6:

Don't Lose Hope, Live In It

Resurrection Means That
The Worst Thing Is Never
The Last Thing.

– Frederick Buechner,
Late Author and Minister