

...and we look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Human Being

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess 5:23)

- 1. Body/ flesh: It the seen part of the human being and it is from dust "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground ..." (Gen. 2:7)
- 2. Soul: gives life to the body, and it is in the blood. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul." (Lev. 17:11)
- 3. Spirit: It is the breath of God. ".... and Lord God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;.." (Gen 2:7)

The moment of departure

- 1. The spirit separates from the body and soul and goes to a "waiting place":
 - "Paradise" for the righteous, "And Jesus said to him, Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43)
 - Hades" for the wicked, "So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom." (Luke 16:22-23)
- 2. The body (and possibly the soul also as it is the life of the being) go to the dust and deteriorate.

On the day of Resurrection

The dead (good and bad) will be raised up

- -And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt. (Dan 12:2)
- -For the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. (John 5:28-29)

On the day of Resurrection

The Righteous People – 2 groups

- dead people: their spirits will be united with their resurrected bodies and will be raised to join the coming Lord in the clouds in the air, "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (1 Thes 4:15-17)
- Still alive: Change momentarily and receive their new bodies and meet the coming Lord and join the other group "Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:15-17).
- "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 incorruptible, and we shall be changed." (2 Cor 15:51-52)

On the day of Resurrection

Heaven for the Righteous and the Lake of Fire for the Evil

- "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." (2 Cor.5:10)
- "Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, ... And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ... And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev 20:11-15)

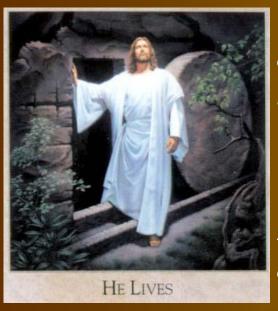
The Transfiguration



"and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light." (Mat 17:2)

"His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them." (Mark 9:3)
"As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening." (Luke 9:29)

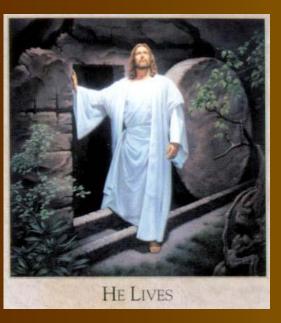
Jesus' Resurrection



Can pass through walls: And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace to you! (John 20:26)

Can be handled?: Then He said to Thomas, Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing. (John 20:27)

Can Eat?: But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, Have you any food here? So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. (Luke 24:41-43)



Incorruptible: The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. (1 Cor 15:42)

Glorious: It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. (1 Cor 15:43)

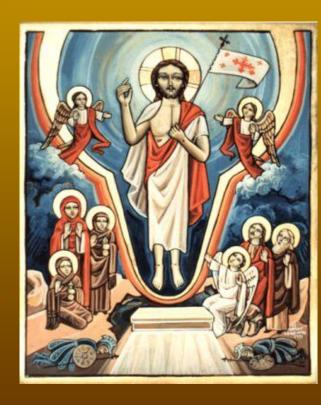
Powerful: It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. (1 Cor 15:43)

Spiritual: And so it is written, The first man Adam became a living being. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. (1 Cor 15:45)

Has the image of the Resurrected Christ: we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man. (1 Cor 15:49) who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. (Phil 3:21)

The Ascension & return of Christ

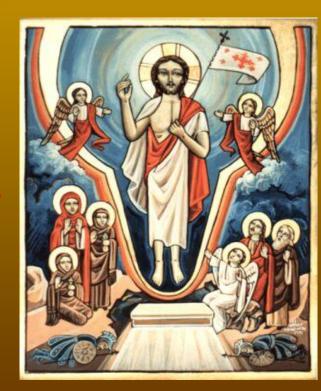
Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same into heaven. (Acts 1:9-11)



The return of Christ

For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. (1 Thes 6:2)

Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming--in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning-- lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch! (Mark 13:35-37)



Prepare for Christ's return

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ... When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. (Col 3:2,4)