



Foundations Student Notes

Lesson 7 – Resurrection of the Dead

The first four Foundational topics we have studied are focused on our present life here on earth. Our next topic, the **resurrection of the dead**, extends outside the scope of time and life on earth and instead turns the focus to **eternity**. The Bible teaches much about life on earth, but Jesus' promise of resurrection from the dead and eternal life is the reason Christians can have hope in eternal life.

📖 *1 Corinthians 15.19, 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18*

When God created Adam and Eve, the first humans, he never intended for them to die. It was **through sin** that they were separated from God and human death originally entered the world:

📖 *Genesis 2.4-17, Romans 5.12*

We see through both the Old and New Testament that people's immaterial selves persist even after death and separation from the body, meaning that the personalities and other characteristics of these individuals also persist:

📖 *Luke 16.19-31, 1 Samuel 28.3-20*

Jesus was the first to be resurrected from the dead, to fulfill God's foretold promise of resurrection. After the resurrection, Jesus was not just a ghost or a spirit. He was recognizable and able to physically interact with the world, just as before his death. However, **his body had been transformed** by God's glory, and the gospel writers record many events around Jesus' resurrection that would be normally impossible:

📖 *Luke 24.1-8, Luke 24.36-43, John 20.19-31, Matthew 28.8-10, Luke 24.13-35, John 20.11-18*

Just as the first man, Adam, set the **pattern of sin** and **death** for all people, Jesus set the **pattern of resurrection** and **life** for all who believe:

📖 *1 Corinthians 15.20-22, 35-49*

Jesus teaches that he will return **at an unknown time** to fully establish his kingdom. Ultimately, everyone – not just Christian believers – will be resurrected. Each person will be sent either to **eternal life** in heaven or **perish**:

📖 *1 Thessalonians 4.13-5.11, John 5.24-29, Matthew 24.30-31, 36-51, John 3.16, Revelation 20.11-15*