

Job 14:14 "if a man die, shall he live again?"

Pascal "The immortality of the soul is a thing so important that only those who have lost all feeling can rest indifferent to it, can be content to know if it is not, or if it is."

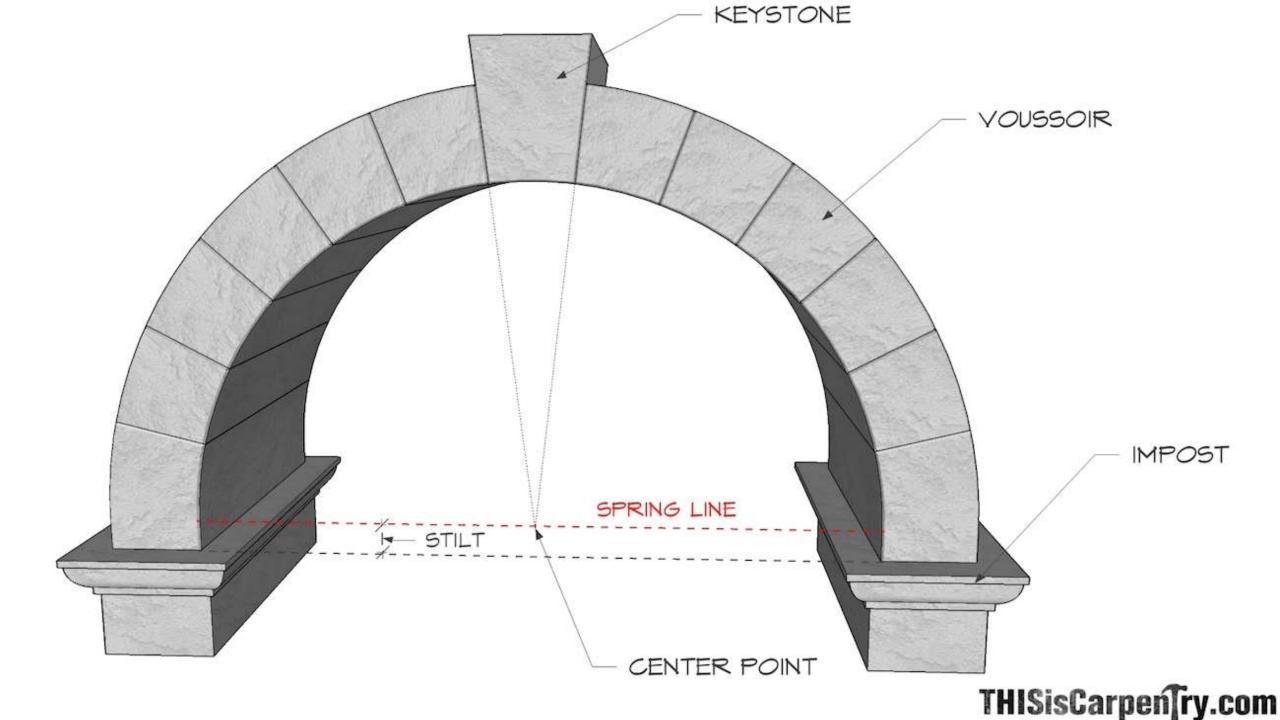
St. Augustine: the heart of man will never rest until it rests in God, and God is Himself eternal life.

1 Timothy 6:15

15He who is the Blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see.
To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Crucifixion & Death of Jesus Earths Darkest Hour

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ Eternities Brightest Hour

The Living Miracle of Eternity

God the Father's Plan from before time

Promised by the Prophets of God

Accomplished by God the Son, Jesus the Christ

Proclaimed by God the Holy Spirit
through the followers of Jesus Christ

Inspired & Recorded in Scripture by God

1 Let me now remind you, dear brothers & sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before.

You welcomed it then, & you still stand firm in it.

It is this Good News that saves you

if you continue to believe the message I told you—
unless, of course, you believed something
that was never true in the first place.

3 aspects to every believer's salvation:

(1) The fact that Christ has saved him.

(2) The fact that he is presently being saved.

(3) The hope that he will finally be saved.

- I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me.

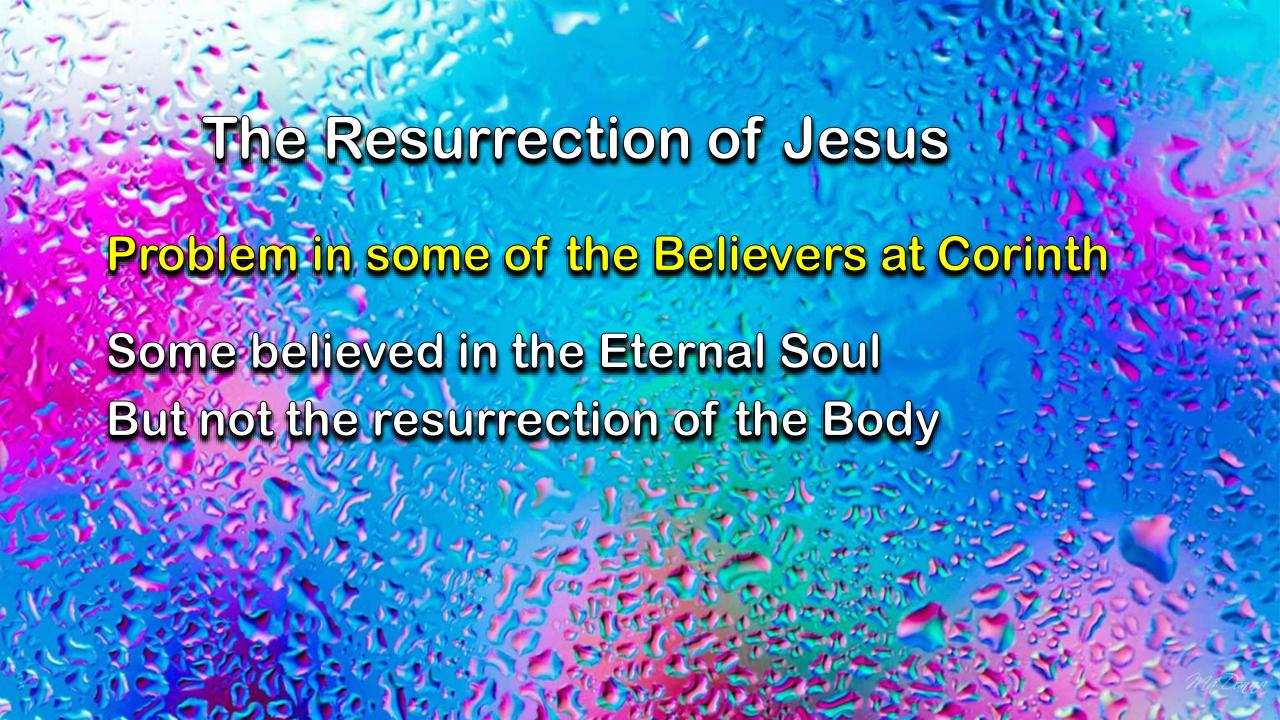
 Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said.
- 4 He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.
- 5 He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve.

- After that, He was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.
- 7 Then He was seen by James and later by all the apostles.
- 8 Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw Him.

- 9 For I am the least of all the apostles.
 In fact,
 I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church.
- 10 But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out His special favor on me—and not without results.

For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by His grace.

11 So it makes no difference whether I preach or they preach, for we all preach the same message you have already believed.



- 12 But tell me this—
 since we preach that Christ rose from the dead,
 why are some of you saying there will be
 no resurrection of the dead?
- 13 For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either.
- 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.

Good News of the Resurrection

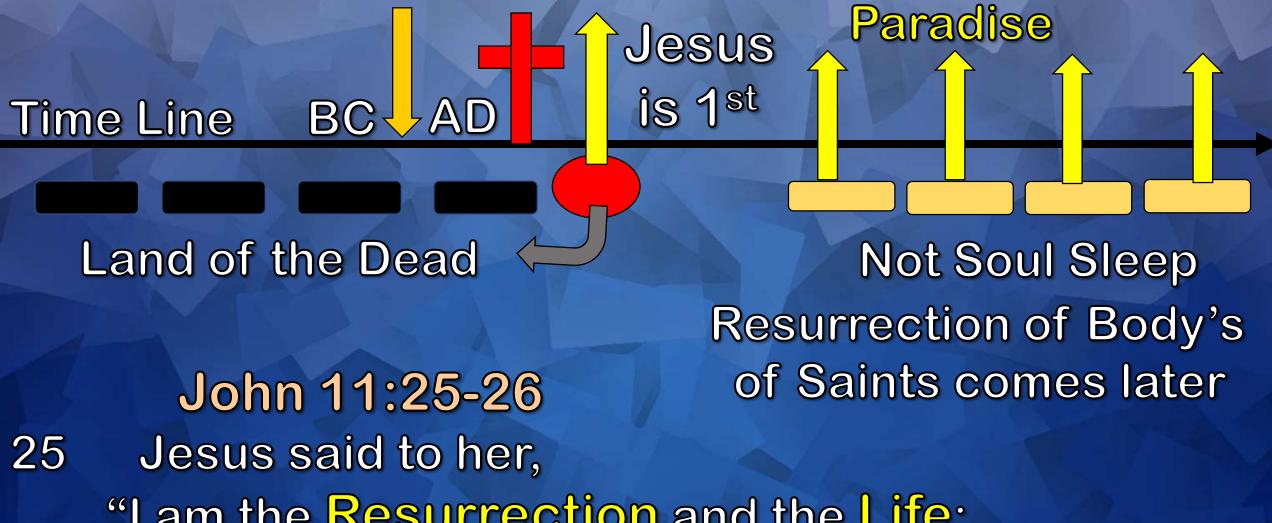
- 15 And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave.
- 16 And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised.
- 17 And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins.

Good News of God's Forgiveness



- 18 In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost!
- 19 And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.
- 20 But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the <u>first</u> of a great harvest of all who have died.

Good News of Eternal Life



"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

- 21 So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, Adam now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Christ
- 22 Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

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Good News of a Brand New Life

Colossians 1:24-28

- Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church,...
- Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God,

- that is, the Mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints,
- to whom God willed to make known what is the Riches of the Glory of this Mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
- We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.

