

Our Resurrection

1. **When – on the last day**

John 5:28 “Do not marvel at this; for **the hour is coming** in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

2. How – the work of God (to raise the dead)

John 5:28 “...all who are in the graves **will hear His voice** ²⁹**and come forth...**

2 Corinthians 1:9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,

Romans 4:17 (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

Acts 17:31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

3. **What** - That which is in the grave (Jn 5:28)

Job 19:25-27 For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; 26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That **in my flesh I** shall see God, 27 Whom I shall see for myself, And **my eyes** shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

4. **Who**: - “All who are in the graves” will rise Jn 5:28

Acts 24:15 “I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. Acts 24:15,

Note: On the Last day there will also be a **Transmutation of the living**(who have not yet died):

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵²in 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.

5. **Difference in Believers and Unbelievers**

Daniel 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, **Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.**

A. Believers—1 Corinthians 15:44, “It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is **a spiritual body.**

(natural body not merely a part of man, but the entire man as he lives in his 5 senses and maintains himself by eating, drinking, house, home wife, child etc.

1 Corinthians 15:42-43, So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised **in incorruption.** 43It is sown in dishonor, it is raised **in glory.** It is sown in weakness, it is raised **in power.**

Philippians 3:21 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.

Matthew 13:43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Large Catechism, 57 “Meanwhile, since holiness has begun and is growing daily, we await the time when **our flesh** will be put to death, will be buried with all its uncleanness, and **will come forth gloriously and arise to complete and perfect holiness in a new, eternal life.**

LC 58 ...In that life are only perfectly pure and holy people, full of goodness and righteousness, completely freed from sin, death, and all evil, living in **new, immortal and glorified bodies.**

FC SD I **Repeated?** ⁴⁶ Fourthly, concerning the doctrine of **the resurrection** Scripture testifies that **precisely the substance of this our flesh, but without sin, shall arise, and that in eternal life we shall have and keep precisely this soul, although without sin.** ⁴⁷ If there were no difference whatever between our corrupted body and soul on the one hand and original sin on the other, then it would follow, contrary to this article of our Christian faith, either that our flesh would not rise on Judgment Day and that in eternal life, instead of this essence of our body and soul, we should have another substance or another soul since we there shall be without sin, or else that sin would be raised and would be and remain in the elect in eternal life.

- i. **Equal/Like Angels** - Matthew 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are **like angels** of God in heaven.
Luke 20:36 nor can they die anymore, for they are **equal to the angels** and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection
- ii. **Asexuality?** With parts as regards our wholeness, but not for required use
- iii. **Stature:** Revelation 20:12 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.

B. Unbelievers-

Matthew 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Isaiah 66:24 "And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

Matthew 7:13 Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* **the way that leads to destruction**, and there are many who go in by it.

Luke 12:4;7-48 degrees of damnation

Luke 16:23-24 "And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴"Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' (Lk 16:19-31 The rich man and Lazarus)

6. The term Flesh or Body? LC 60 The term "**resurrection of the flesh**," however, is not well chosen. When we Germans hear the word *Fleisch* (flesh), we think no farther than the butcher shop. Idiomatically we would say "**resurrection of the body**."⁴ However, this is not of great importance, as long as the words are rightly understood.

Footnote 4: (*Auferstehung des Leibs oder Leichnams*. In the early church, the word *sarkos* (flesh) apparently was inserted deliberately to combat **the Gnostic tendency to assert that only the "spirit" was capable of being saved, that the body or flesh was by nature evil**. In his exposition of John 1:14 (WA, 10I:235) Luther wrote: "**By 'flesh' we should understand the whole human nature, body and soul**, in the manner of the Scriptures, which call man 'flesh,' ... and in the Creed we say, 'I believe in the **resurrection of the flesh**,' i.e., 'of all men.'" Older English translations of the Creed also read "resurrection of the flesh" until 1543, when in "The Necessary Doctrine and Erudition for any Christian Man," issued by Henry VIII, "resurrection of the body" was introduced.)

- A. FC SD II ⁸¹ 7. Likewise those who imagine that in conversion and regeneration God creates a new heart and a new man in such a way **that the substance and essence of the Old Adam**, and especially the rational soul, are completely destroyed and **a new substance of the soul is created out of nothing.**² **This error** St. Augustine condemns in express words in his commentary on Ps. 25, where he adduces and explains St. Paul's words, "Put off the old man," as follows: "Lest anyone might think that **the substance or essence of man must be laid aside**, he himself explains what it means to lay off the old man **and put on the new man** by adding, 'Therefore lay aside lies and speak the truth.' Behold, this is laying off the old man and **putting on the new man.**"
- B. The will of man is different "(1) before the Fall, (2) after the Fall, (3) after regeneration, (4) **after the resurrection of the flesh.**" FC Epitome I Original Sin
- C. There is a difference "between **our corrupted human nature** and original sin" FC Epitome I Original Sin
- D. ...⁶ Thus Christ has redeemed **our nature** as his creation, sanctifies it as his creation, **quickens it from the dead as his creation, and adorns it gloriously as his creation.** But he has not created original sin, has not assumed it, has not redeemed it, has not sanctified it, will not quicken it in the elect, will not glorify it or save it. On the contrary, **in the resurrection it will be utterly destroyed.**⁷ These points clearly set forth the distinction between the corrupted nature itself and the corruption which is in the nature and which has corrupted the nature. FC Epitome I Original Sin, 6-7
- E. "...**the chief articles of our Christian faith**, namely, creation, redemption, sanctification, and **the resurrection of our flesh.**" FC Epitome I Original Sin
- F. FC SD VI ... **until the flesh of sin is put off entirely and man is completely renewed in the resurrection.** There he will no longer require either the preaching of the law or its threats and punishments, just as he will no longer require the Gospel. They belong to this imperfect life.²⁵ But just as they will see God face to face, so through God's indwelling Spirit **they will do his will spontaneously, without coercion, unhindered, perfectly, completely, and with sheer joy, and will rejoice therein forever.**

John 5:29, "Those who have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life"