Welcome

We're glad you've joined us this morning! Feel free to check things out and determine whether we might be a good match for you. We're here to help at your invitation — you set the pace.

If you'd like to explore other options after the service, or if you have questions, please pick up the *Guide to Grace Church* at any exit or speak with a member of our Welcome Team in the hall.

When you're ready for the next step, we'd encourage you to check out a Bible Fellowship (Sunday mornings) or join a Community Group (Sunday nights). Both are great ways to connect with others as you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

Notes

Information



Ladies, join us for a night to celebrate Christmas with fellowship and a meal catered by Gypsy Kit. Sign up in the Main Hall or online—limited spots are available. Childcare is available up through 4th grade by reservation. Cost is \$5.



If you are interested in serving as a Salvation Army Bell Ringer on December 5, which helps raise funds to serve those in need, please get details or sign up today in the Main Hall.



Need your Christmas lights put up, lawn raked, or presents wrapped? Our Senior High Jamaica team is raising money for their trip by doing odd jobs through the winter months. Schedule a job by picking up a request form in the Main Hall.



This morning is the last opportunity to drop off your shoebox in the Main Hall. If you are unable to return your box today, please take it to the local collection center at First Baptist Church.

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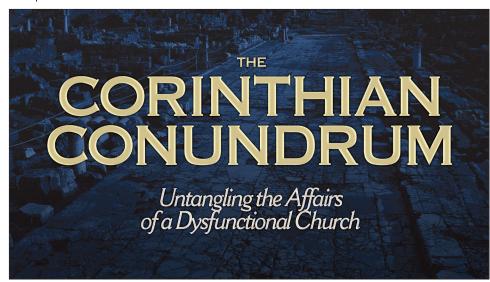
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This morning we continue our study of the book of 1 Corinthians, which began in January and resumed in September after a summer break. If you'd like to catch up on previous lessons, listen online any time at gracechurch.com/podcast.

Updates and Family Matters

Winter Guide Available Next Week

The Winter 2015 Supplement to the Guide to Grace Church will be available next week. This one-page calendar will keep you and your family informed of Christmas activities happening in the month of December.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Our four-part Christmas series will begin on Sunday, December 13 and continue through Sunday, December 27. We will gather together for worship at the following times:

 Sunday, December 13
 9:00 and 10:30 AM

 Sunday, December 20
 9:00 and 10:30 AM

 Thursday, December 24
 5:00 PM only

 Sunday, December 27
 10:30 AM only

 Sunday, January 3
 10:30 AM only

Please note: there will be no Bible Fellowships on December 20, December 27, or January 3.

Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday of this week in recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday.

This Week

Churchwide

Worship Services

Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM

Bible Fellowships

Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM

Small Groups

Community Groups

Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM at Various Locations



This Morning

Lesson 31: The Reality and Implications of Resurrection Life—1 Corinthians 15:35–58 Reggie Coe, Family Pastor

- I. The method and nature of the resurrection body of the believer—1 Corinthians 15:35–49.
 - **A.** The resurrection of the body follows the principle of agriculture that a seed must die before it rises to new life—1 Corinthians 15:35–39.
 - **B.** The resurrection body of the believer will be a glorious spiritual body free from decay, prepared for an eternal existence, like the resurrection body of Christ—

 1 Corinthians 15:40–49.
- II. The transformation of the earthly body into a glorified body—1 Corinthians 15:50–57.
 - A. A time will come for every believer in Christ when their earthly bodies will be transformed into a glorified body ready for eternity—1 Corinthians 15:50–51.
 - 1. For the church age believer, that transformation will happen at the rapture of the church—see 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18.
 - **2.** This mystery was not revealed in the Hebrew scriptures but now is revealed— *1 Corinthians 15:50–51.*
 - **3.** Since a perishable, mortal, physical body cannot inherit the eternal kingdom, it must be transformed into an imperishable, immortal body—1 *Corinthians* 15:52–53.
 - **B.** The end of the millennial kingdom will be the time Christ ushers in the eternal kingdom with the new heavens and the new earth—1 Corinthians 15:52–57.
 - 1. The result of preparing believers and bringing them into the eternal kingdom in glorified bodies will be the eradication of sin and death—1 Corinthians 15:54–57; see Revelation 21:1–4.
 - Therefore, in the eternal kingdom, the resurrected Christ will completely defeat the enemies of sin and death. The resurrected Christ will deliver the kingdom to God and will vanguish death and rule over the universe.
- **III.** The motivation for the believer in light of the certainty of resurrection life— *1 Corinthians 15:58.*
 - **A.** This certainty provides a believer the focus to remain unwavering and resolute in one's present devotion to Christ to invest in others' lives.
 - **B.** This certainty provides the believer with the assurance that one's work for the Lord has purpose and eternal value.

Discuss

These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning's topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.

- 1. Why do you think our present bodies would not be suitable for eternity? Why must there must be a glorification process before we inherit the kingdom of God?
- 2. In verse 55, Paul describes the power of the resurrection when he cites Hosea when he writes "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" What images come to mind with these words? What emotions do they stir in your heart?
- 3. How does the coming resurrection of all believers and the glorification of those still living motivate you in your relationships? What does the time you invest in others mean in light of the resurrection?
- **4.** How does the coming resurrection and glorification shape the way you think about your work and things in which you invest your time here in this life?