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**Living Together in Christian Community Forever**

(1 Corinthians 15)

What is the real hope of Christianity?

                  Bodily Resurrection

1.     You can’t have Christ without the reality of  His bodily resurrection (15:12-18)

·       Central doctrine of Christianity

·       Without the bodily resurrection Christian belief is absurd and futile

2.     Because Christ has been bodily raised, so will those who put their trust in him (15:20-34).

·            All related to Adam die; all related to Christ live.

·            Death had to be defeated or sin wins.

·            Christ’s resurrection set in motion the final act of the absolute sovereignty of God.

·            Resurrection hope is the only reason Christians can put the “good life” at risk.

3.     All in Christ will trade in a mortal, perishable, natural, corruptible, body for an immortal, imperishable, spiritual, incorruptible body (15:35-54).

                                    How?  The same way God created everyday biology.

                                    Why? Different environment, different body needed.

God’s plan is the full redemption of His creation, material and spiritual, so that we will be real bodily people in a new heaven and earth; the way it was supposed to be before sin ruined everything – that is our hope!