

"CREED: I believe in the Resurrection"

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Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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John 5:21-29 & 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

BIG IDEA: I believe: Those who are born twice, die once, and those who are born once, die twice.

*"...a time is coming when all who are in the graves
will hear his voice and come out—
those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life,
but those who have done wicked things,
to the resurrection of condemnation."
Matthew 16:18b (CSB)*



I believe there are two Resurrections.

- **The 1st Resurrection of Life.**
- **The 2nd Resurrection of Condemnation.**



I believe the 1st Resurrection is:

- **As seeds that are sown.**
 - **Death precedes life.**
- **Sinless, not sinful.**
- **Indestructible, not destructible.**
- **Glorious, not inglorious.**
- **Powerful, not impotent.**

- **Spiritual, not natural.**
- **With distinction and purpose.**
 - **We will have bodies fit for their function.**
 - **We will have bodies fit for their environment.**
- **Like Jesus was raised.**
 - **Not like the 1st Adam, but like the last Adam.**
 - **Not earthly, but heavenly.**

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THINK: Imagine a new resurrection body, and then ask yourself the following questions: *What do you like least about your body right now? What have you done to try and change it? As you age, what do you fear about your changing body? What practical problem undercuts belief in the resurrection for some people (1 Corinthians 15:35)? How does Paul's analogy with the seed deal with this objection (v35-38; 42-44)? What does this teach you about the resurrected body? How does the analogy of the different types of bodies (v39-40) relate to the initial objection? What is the point in the comparison between Adam and Christ (v45-49; also see v21-22)? What does it mean that "we will also bear the image of the man of heaven"?*

DO: Pinpoint the most comforting thing here for you as you consider the reality of your own death. What here is the hardest thing for you to understand? Think of the toughest death you have experienced and write down what you learned through it.