

New City Catechism Q50

Q50: What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

A50: Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

But we do not want you to be uninformed brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Discuss the question:

What does Christ's resurrection mean?

What does it mean for us?

Discuss the Scripture:

What does Paul mean when he refers to those who are asleep?

Why is it important to be informed about those who are asleep?

Why are Christians able to grieve with hope?

Discuss the answer in light of the Scripture:

How does Christ's resurrection indicate that he triumphed over sin and death?

What does new life in this world look like? (Romans 6:1-8; Eph 2:4-10)

What does everlasting life in the world to come look like?

What is the connection between our resurrection and the restoration of the world? (Rom 8:18-25)

What will a restored world look like?

What is everlasting death? (John 5:28-29)

How does the resurrection encourage us as we live this new life? (Eph 1:19-20)

How does everlasting life encourage us as we live this new life?

How might our culture's desire for a fresh start or a second chance echo our need for resurrection?