

Future Hope: What Happens When We Die?

We live in strange 'Coronavirus' times

- Everything seems back to front
- Brought face to face with our mortality
- What happens after you die? And how could you know?

1 Corinthians 15:20 'But indeed Christ has been raised from the dead...'

1. Jesus the trailblazer – the 'first fruits'.

1 Corinthians 15:23 ...in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn; Christ the first fruits; then when he comes those who belong to him.

2. Raises all sorts of questions

1 Corinthians 15:35 'But someone may ask "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?"'

Some clues

- Check out nature

Verse 36

Verse 37

Verses 38-41

- Bodies suited for a future with God (verses 42-44)

NOW

THEN

Verse 43 Weak

Powerful

Verse 44 Natural

Spiritual

Verse 45 Dishonourable

Glorious

What does this mean for us?

- We are looking forward to the day when death will be defeated

1 Corinthians 15:26 'The last enemy to be destroyed is death'

- No Fear of death

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 (a day coming when) ...death will be swallowed up in victory. Where O death is your victory? Where O death is your sting?

- The certainty of being raised enables you to live with purpose now

1 Corinthians 15:58 'Therefore my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour for the Lord is not in vain.'