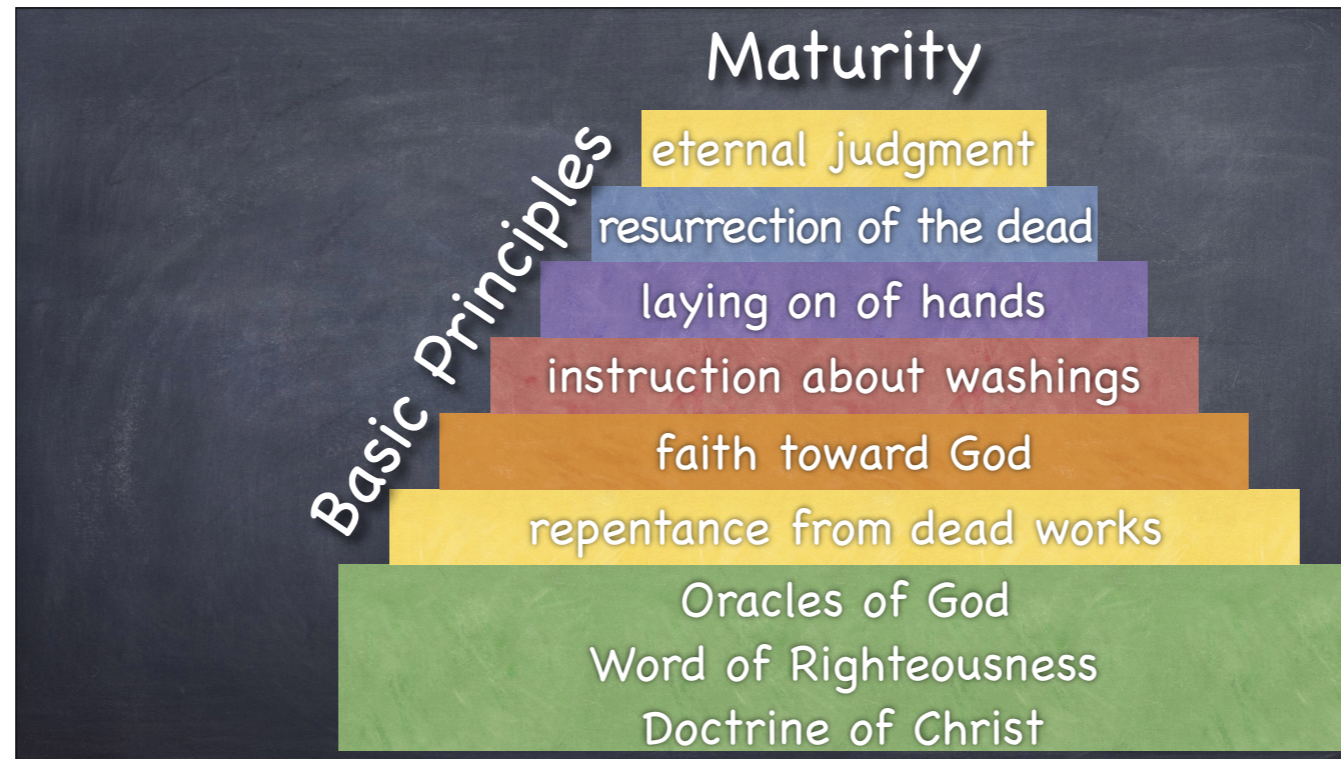




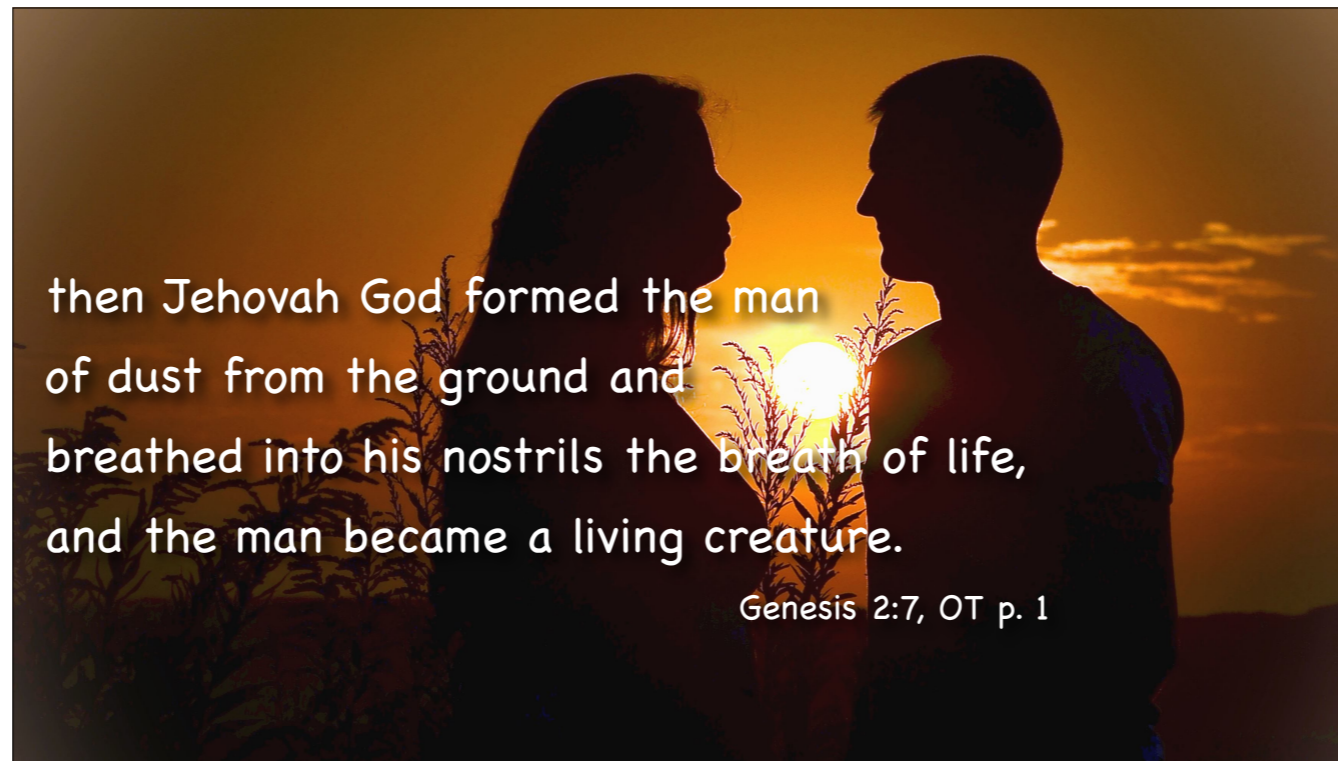
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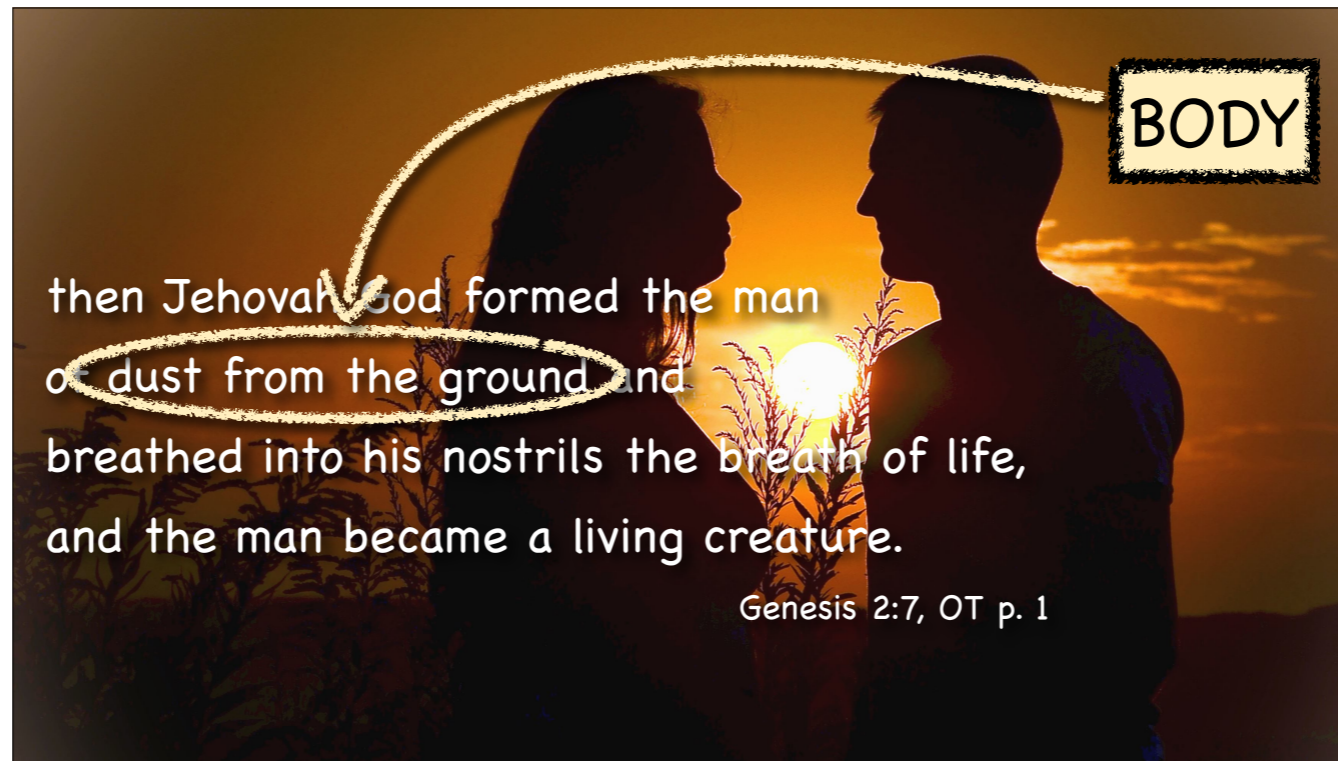
- What happens when I die?
  - In part, the answer depends on what I think about the nature of man.
  - Are we just bodies?
  - Do we have a soul / spirit? (And what is it?)



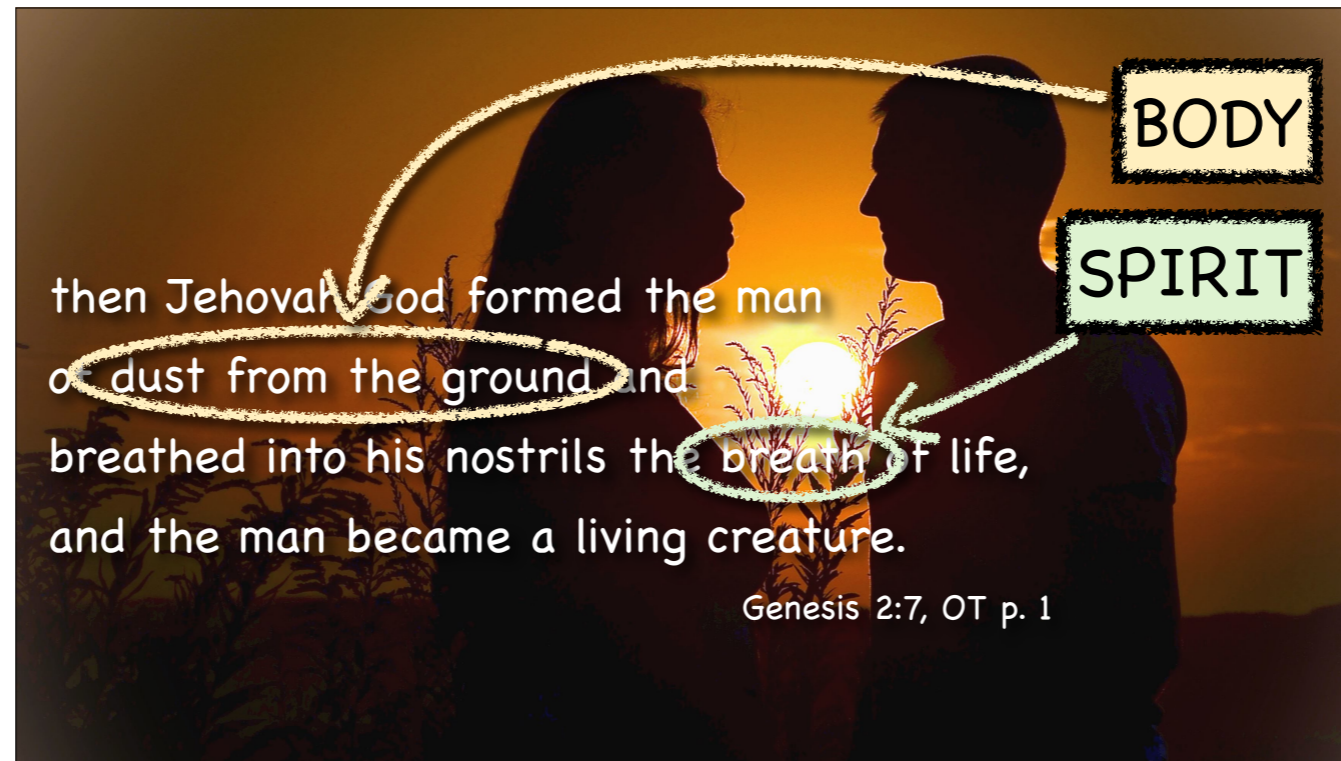
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Genesis 2:7, OT p. 1

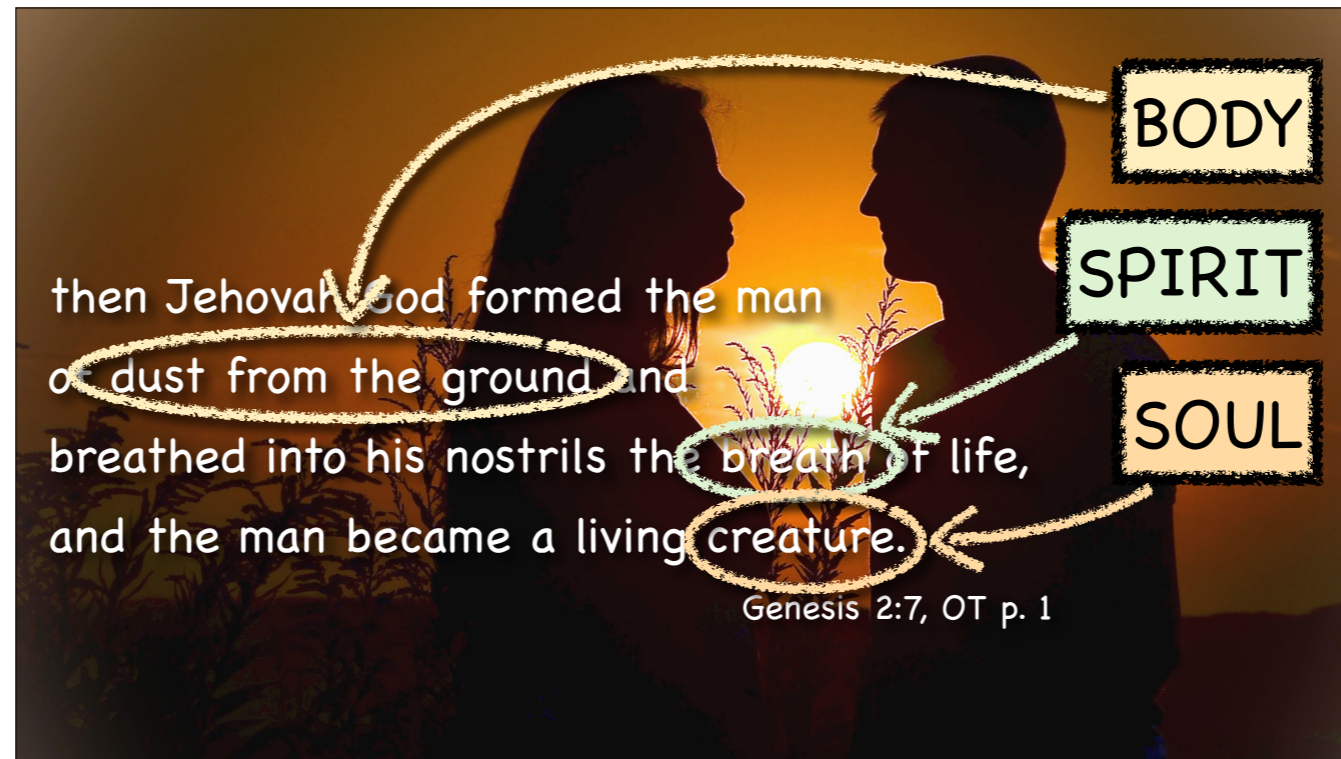
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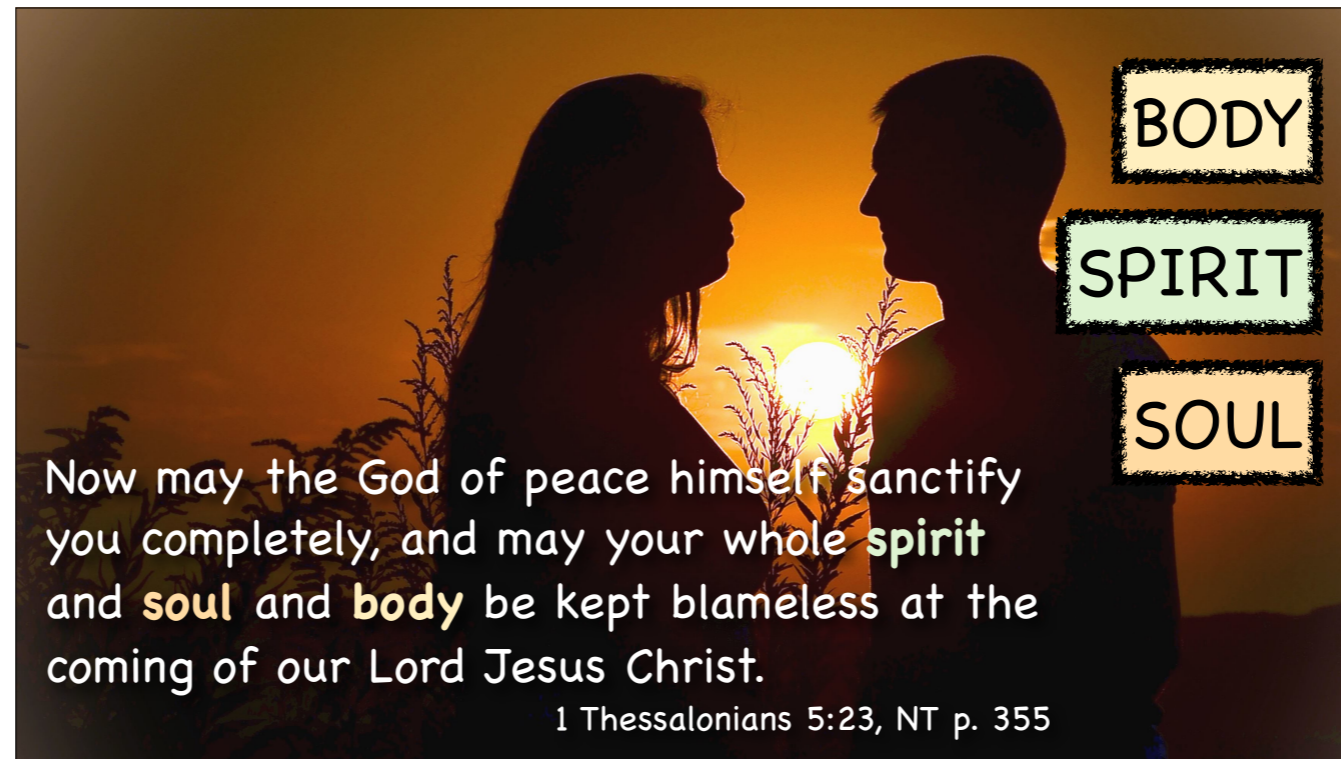
- Dust of the ground
  - body



- Breathed into nostrils the breath of life
  - breath = spirit

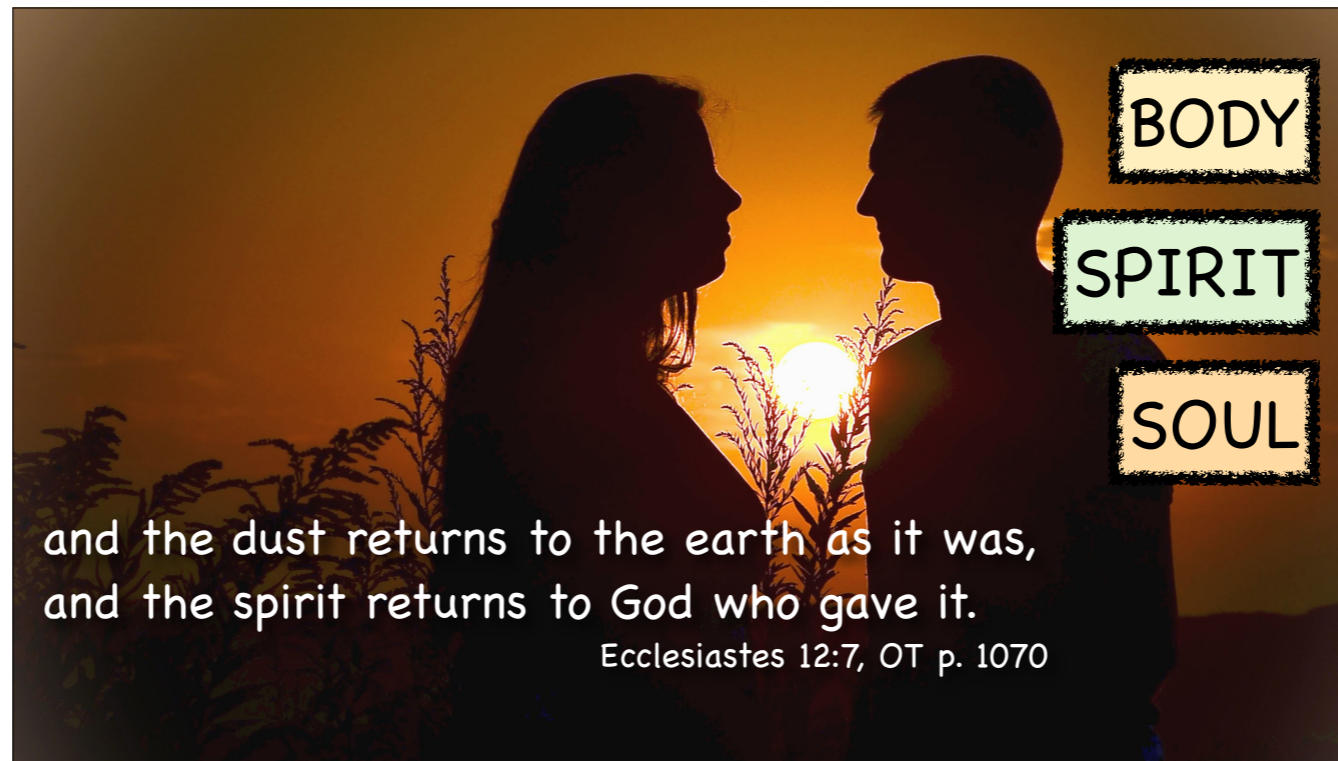


- Living creature
  - creature = soul



- 1 Thessalonians 5:23: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

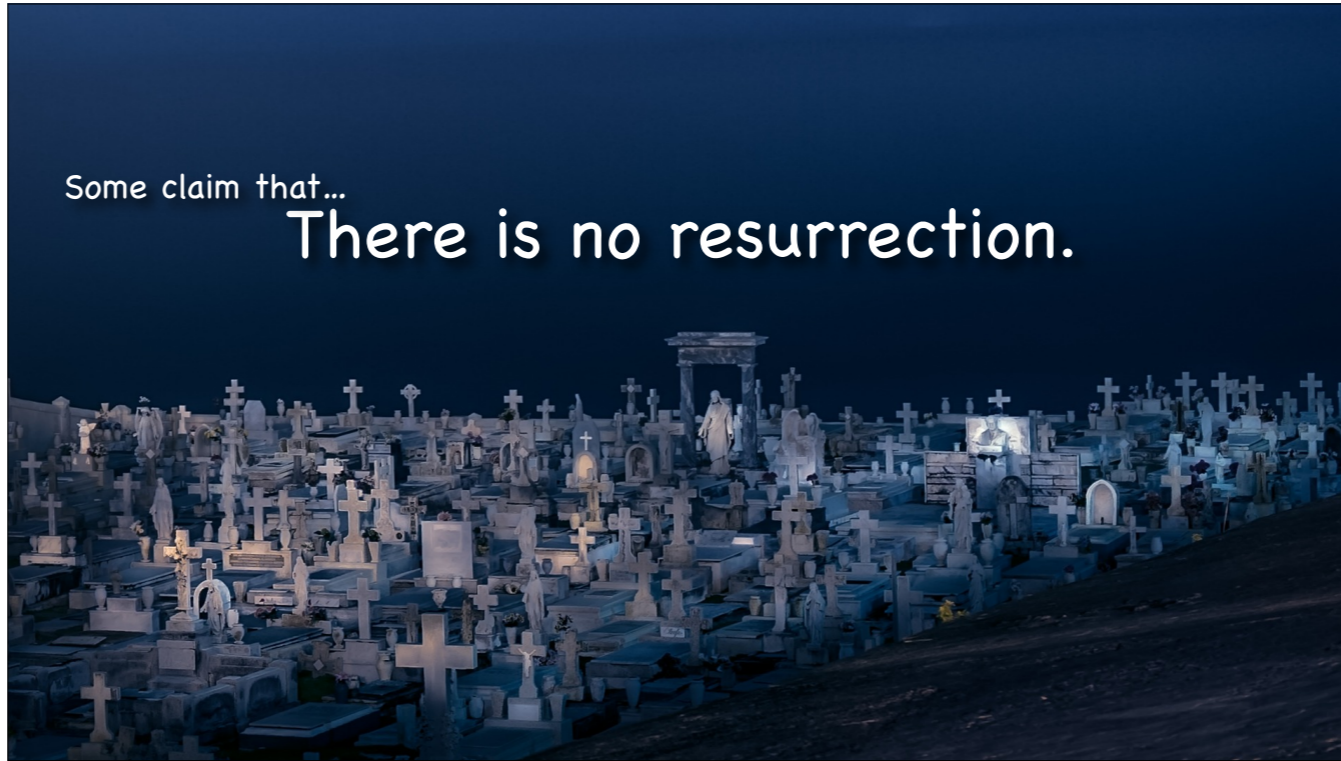




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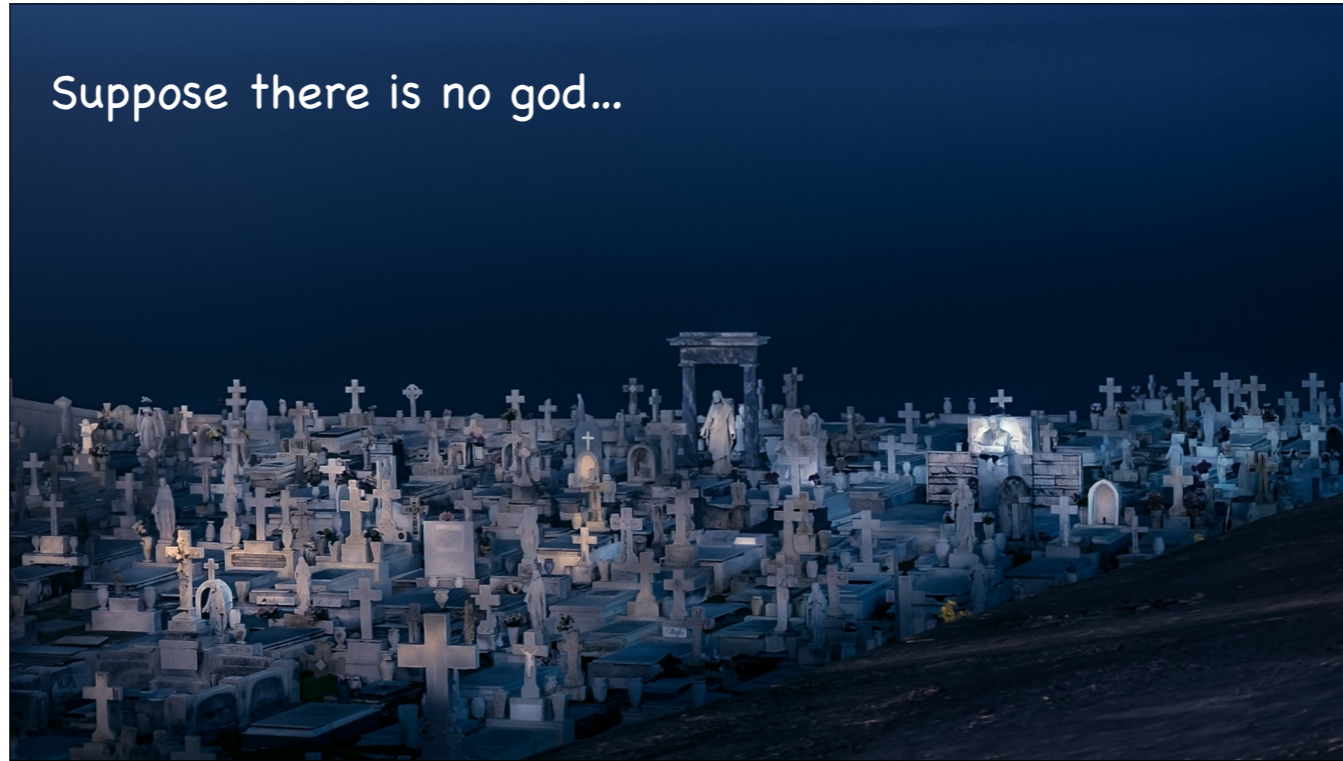
Some claim that...

There is no resurrection.



- There is no resurrection.

Suppose there is no god...



- Suppose there is no god
  - Solomon examines this idea in Ecclesiastes
  - Interesting thoughts

Suppose there is no god...

All go to one place. All are from the  
dust, and to dust all return.

Ecclesiastes 3:20, OT p. 1060

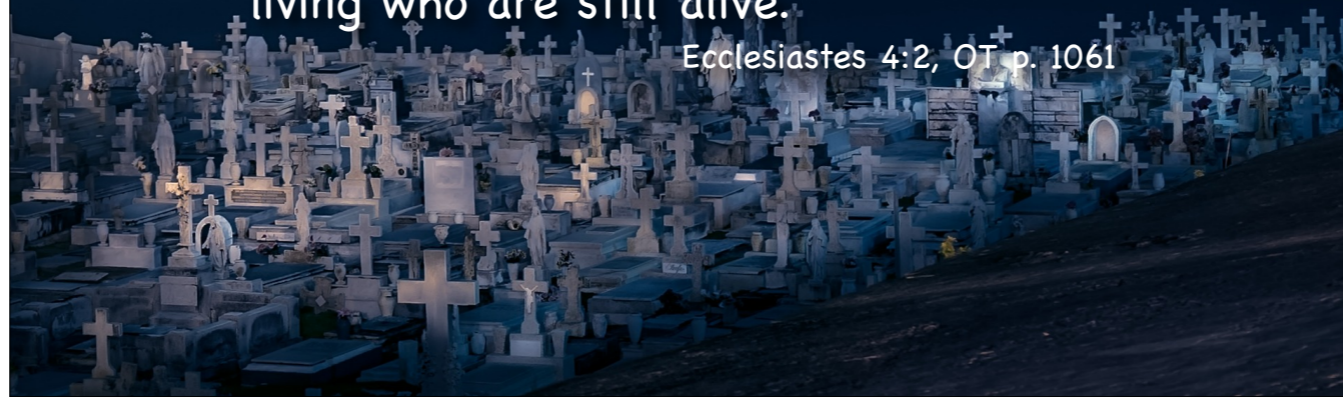


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Suppose there is no god...

And I thought the dead who are  
already dead more fortunate than the  
living who are still alive.

Ecclesiastes 4:2, OT p. 1061



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Suppose there is no god...

a living dog is better than a dead lion.

Ecclesiastes 9:4, OT p. 1066

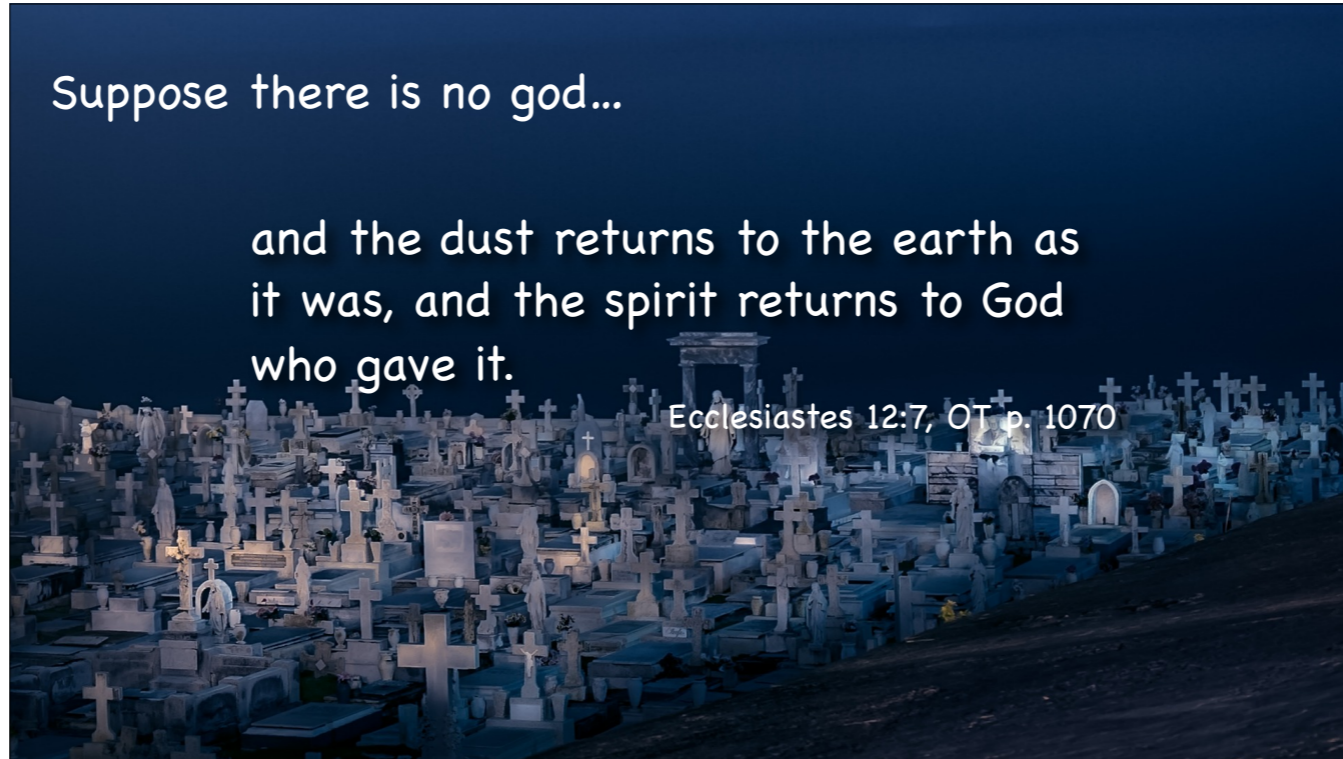


- Ecclesiastes 9:3-6 (ESV) 3 This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that the same event happens to all. Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. 4 But he who is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. **5 For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten.** 6 Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished, and forever they have no more share in all that is done under the sun.

Suppose there is no god...

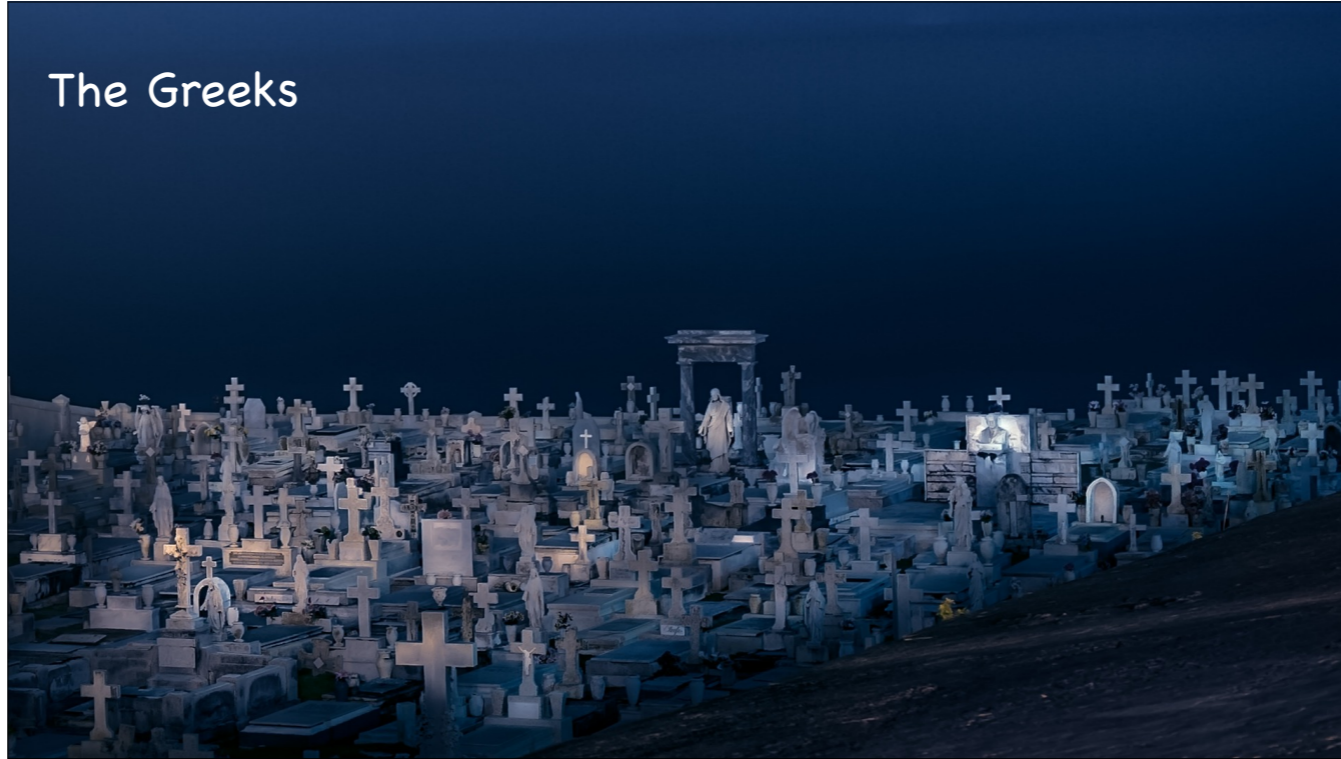
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Ecclesiastes 12:7, OT p. 1070



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## The Greeks



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Acts 17:32, NT p. 236



1. Acts 17:18 (ESV) 18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.
2. Acts 17:32 (ESV) 32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked.

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Acts 17:32, NT p. 236



1. Resurrection (but not transmigration)
  1. impossible or
  2. an isolated miracle (resuscitation)
  3. all their philosophers denied resurrection

## The Sadducees



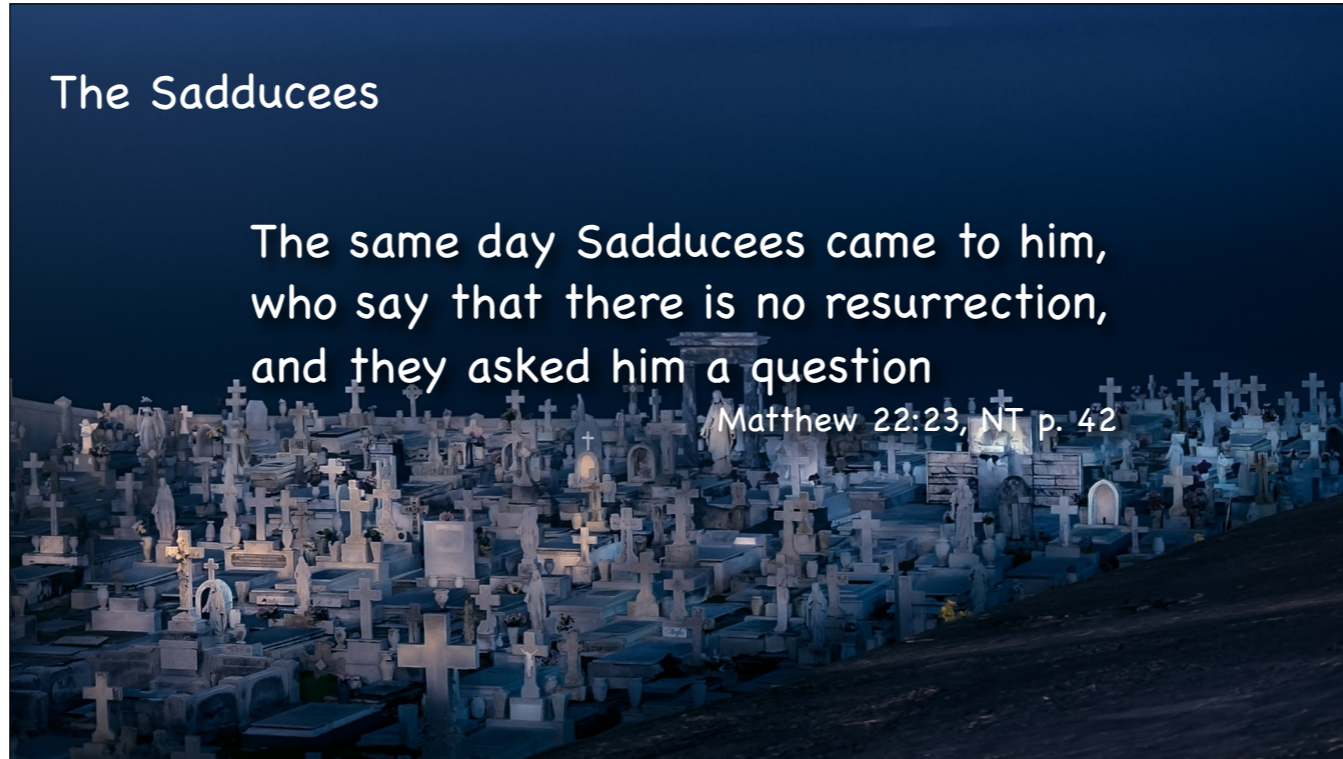
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Matthew 22:23, NT p. 42



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## The Sadducees

For in death there is no remembrance of you;  
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Psalm 6:5, OT p. 850



1. OT passages that imply no resurrection?
  1. Psalms 6:4-5 (ESV) 4 Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love. 5 For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?
  2. Psalms 88:10-12 (ESV) 10 Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the departed rise up to praise you? Selah 11 Is your steadfast love declared in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon? 12 Are your wonders known in the darkness, or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
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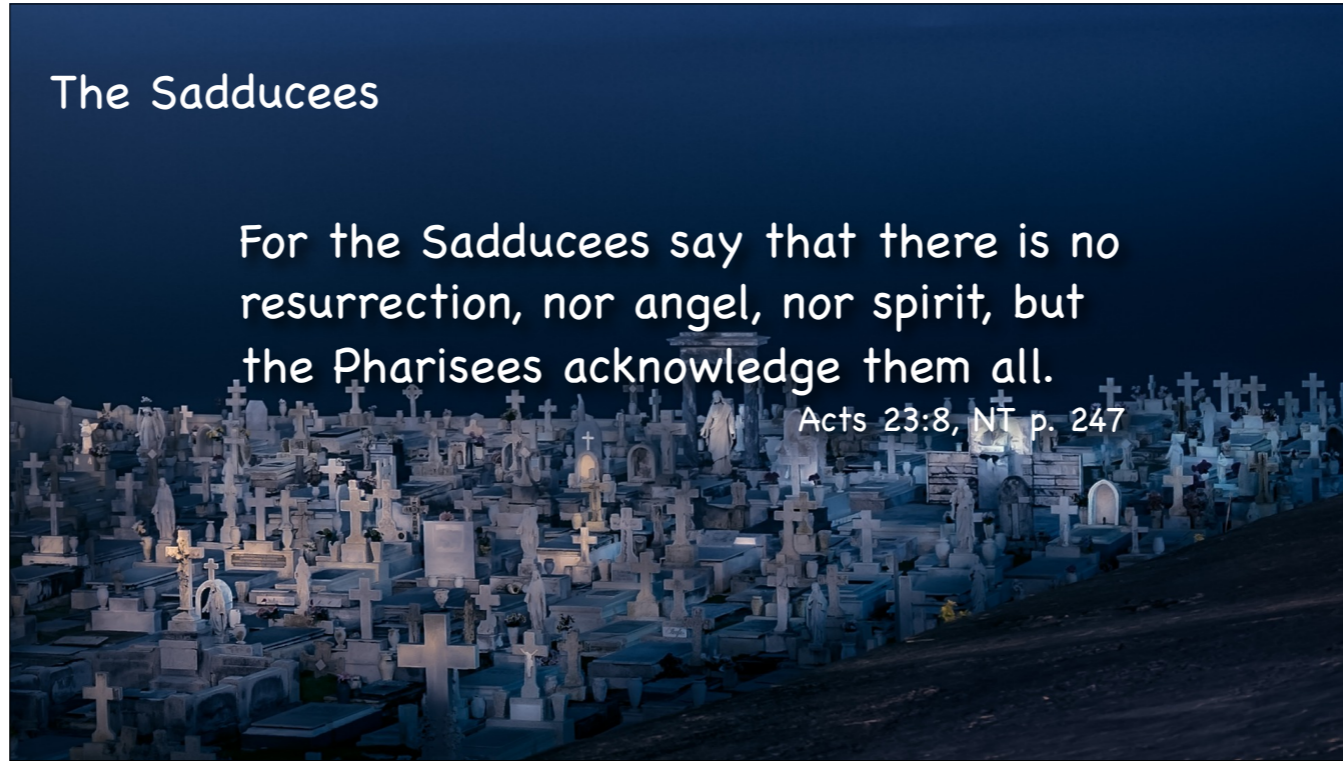
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Acts 23:8, NT p. 247



1. Deeper than denial of resurrection
  1. No spiritual world: no angels, no spirit, no resurrection
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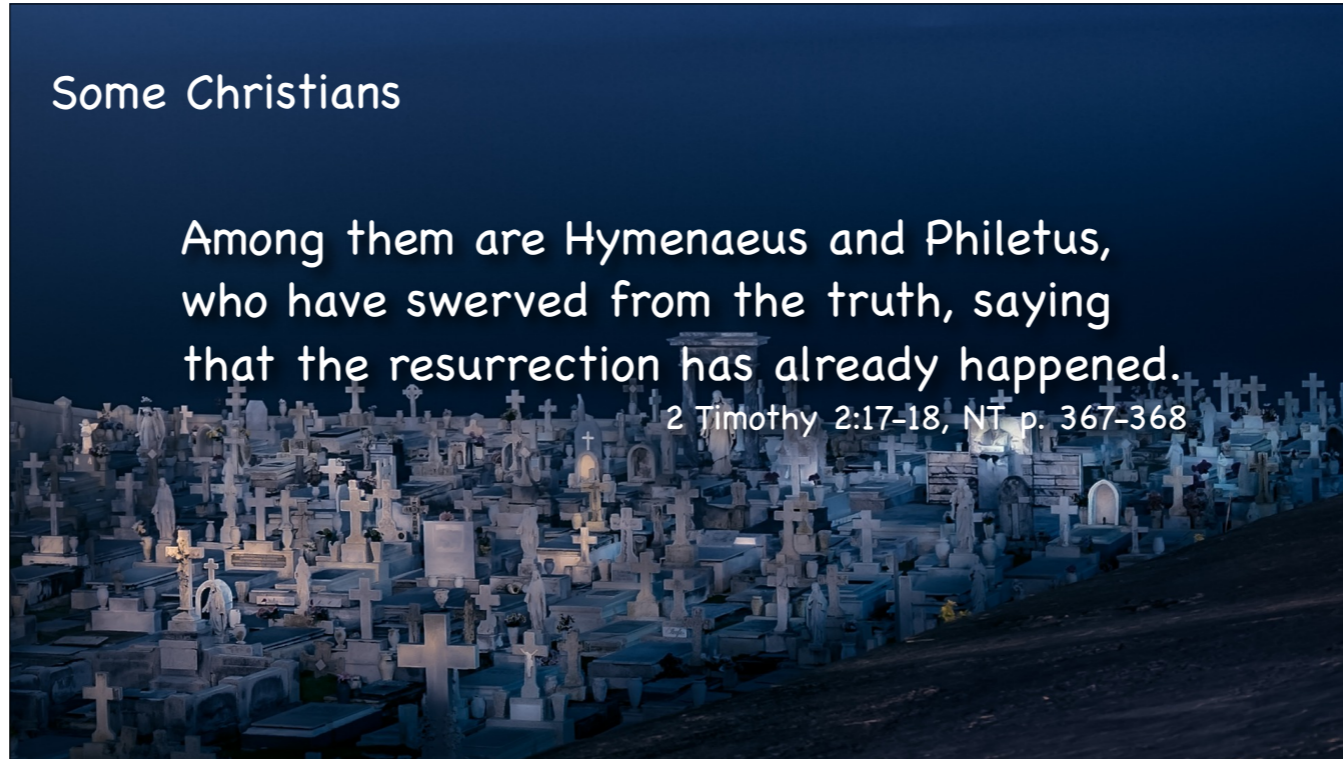
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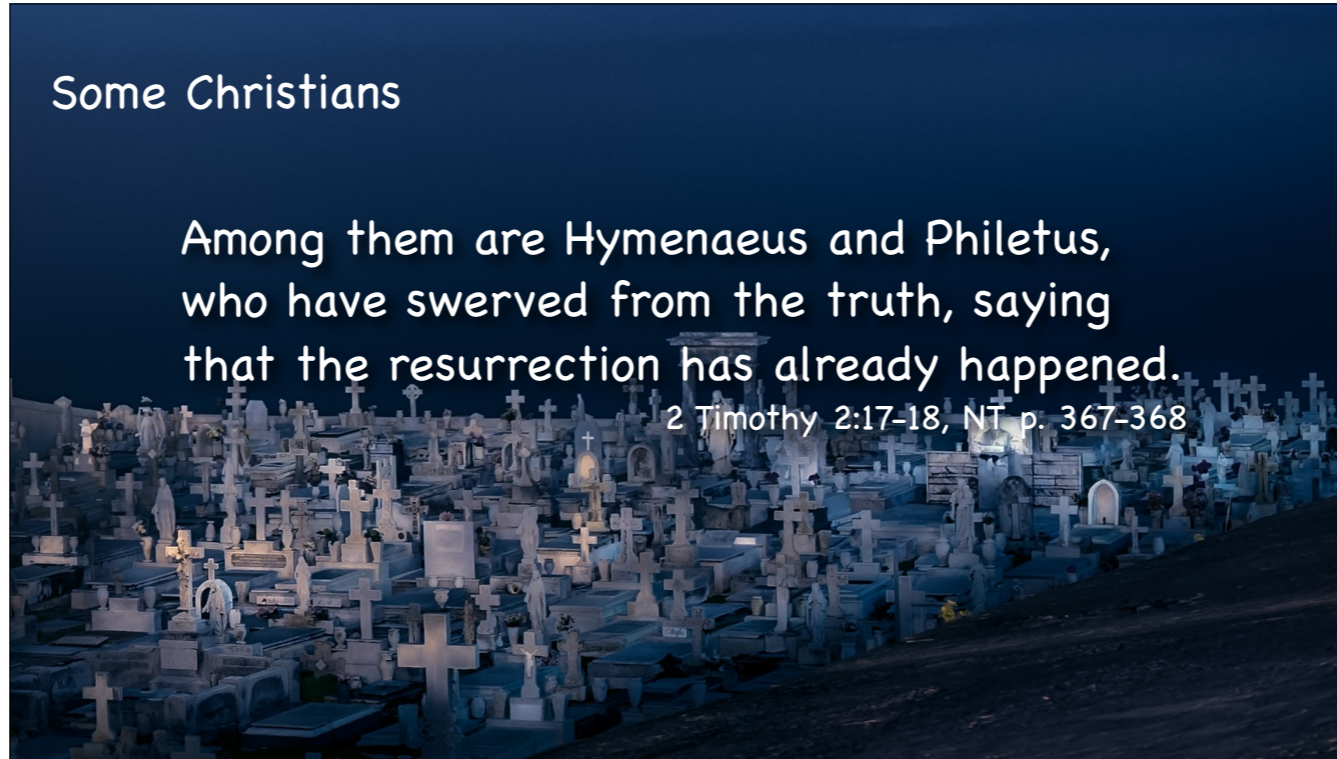


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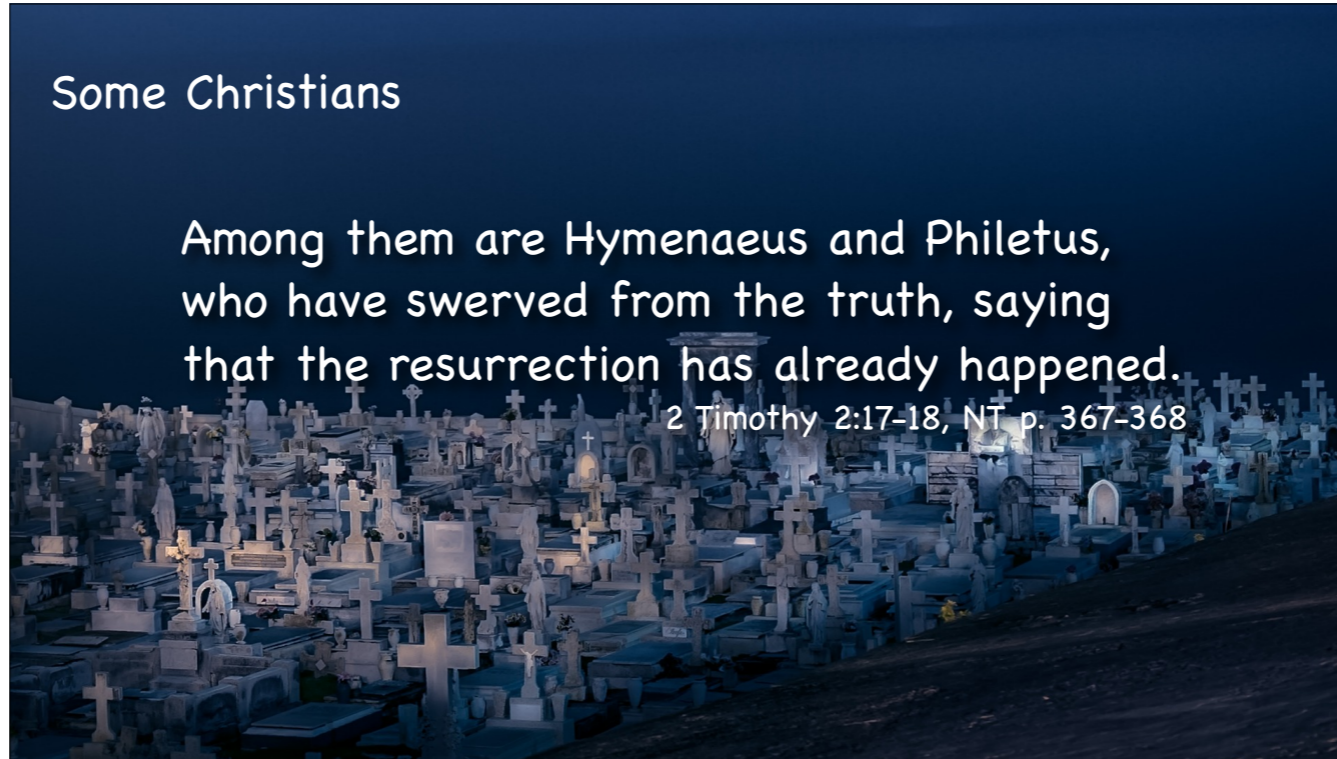


1. Resurrection already happened?
  1. Paul doesn't clarify... hints from other passages?
  2. Resurrection was only a spiritual matter
    1. Baptism - spiritual resurrection: nothing beyond that. Body not resurrected.
    2. Romans 6

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1. Physical body had no part in God's plan: especially in final state
  1. Immoral behavior with body was not a concern to God
  2. 1 Corinthians 6:13-20
2. Physical body not raised because body innately evil
  1. Asceticism to extremes
  2. No sex, food, etc.
  3. 1 Timothy 4:3; Colossians 2:20-23



- Consequences



- All is vanity
  - Ecclesiastes 3:19: For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity.



- Rejoice in work
  - Ecclesiastes 3:22: So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him?





- What Gain is there?
  - Ecclesiastes 5:16: This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?



- Eat, Drink, Find Enjoyment
  - Ecclesiastes 5:18: Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.



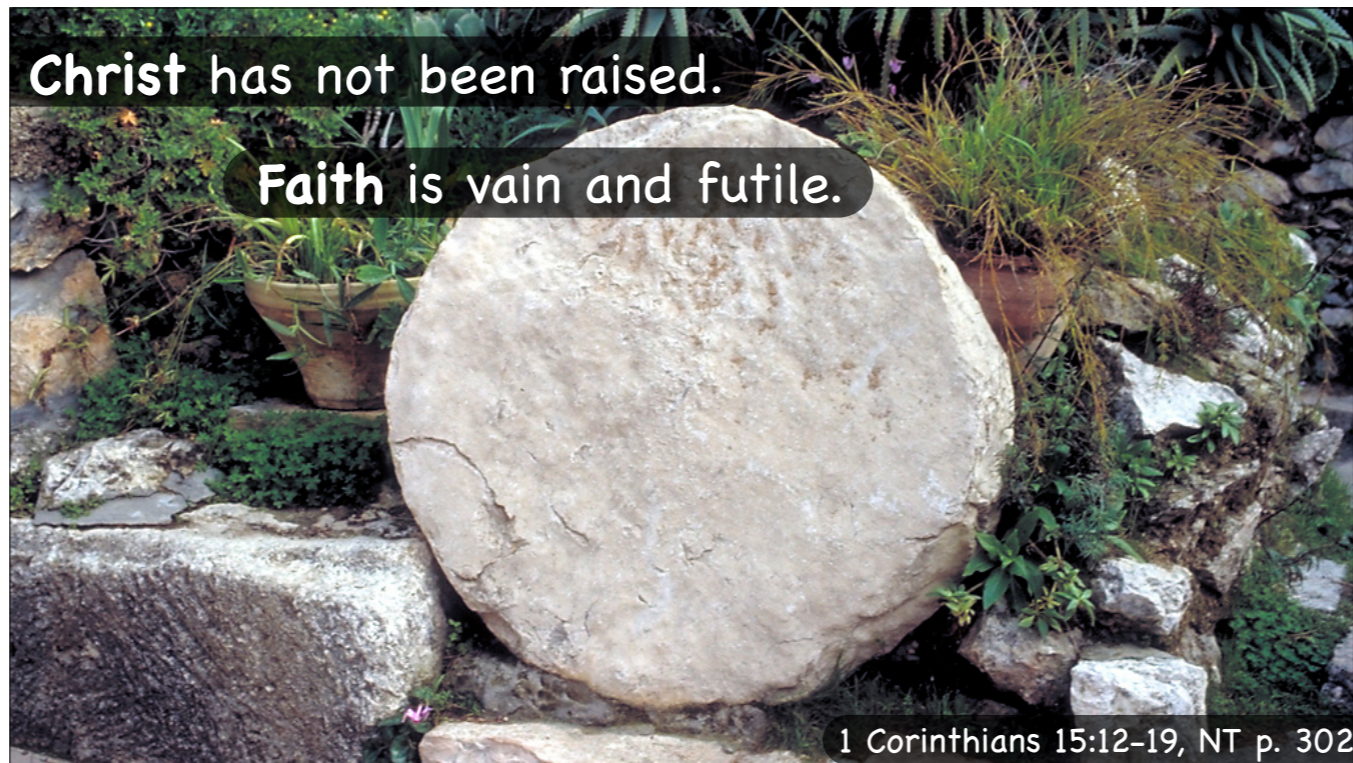
- Grieve ... no hope
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:13: But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.



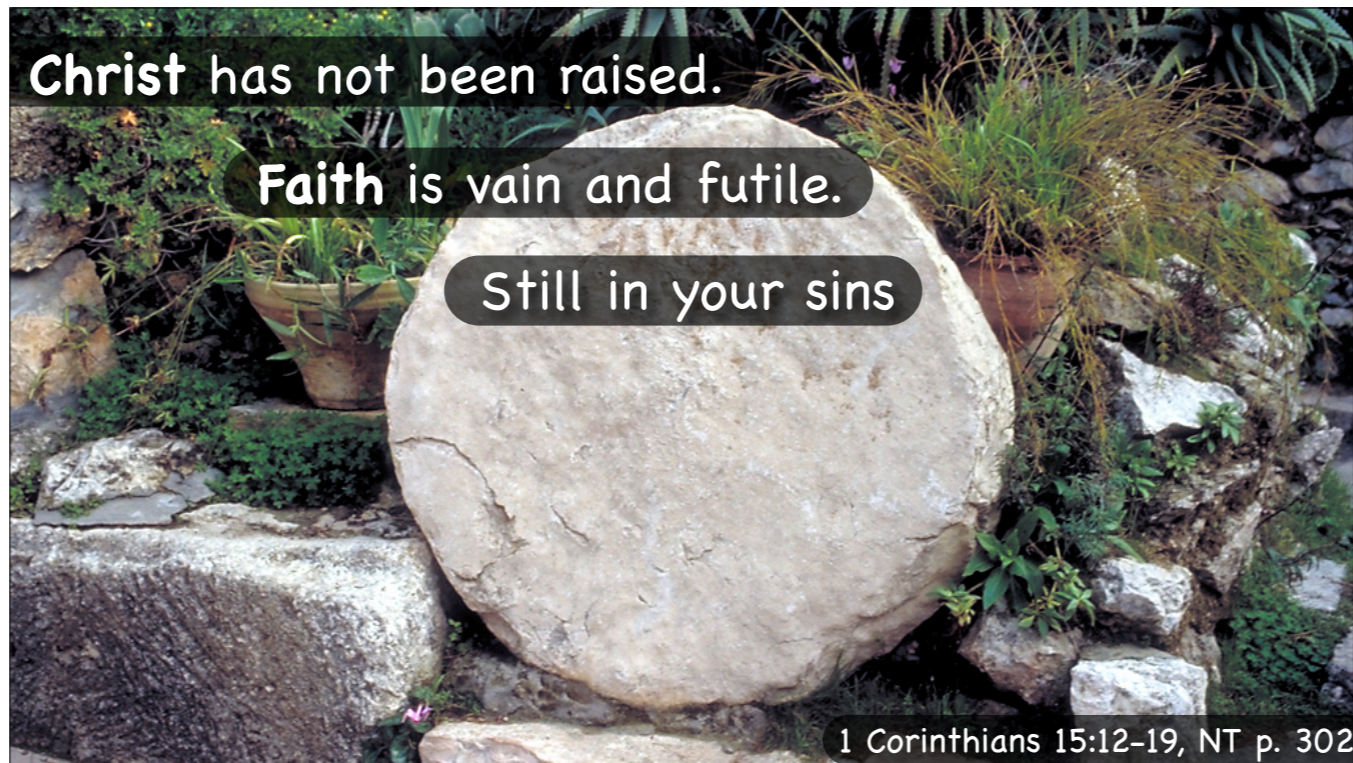
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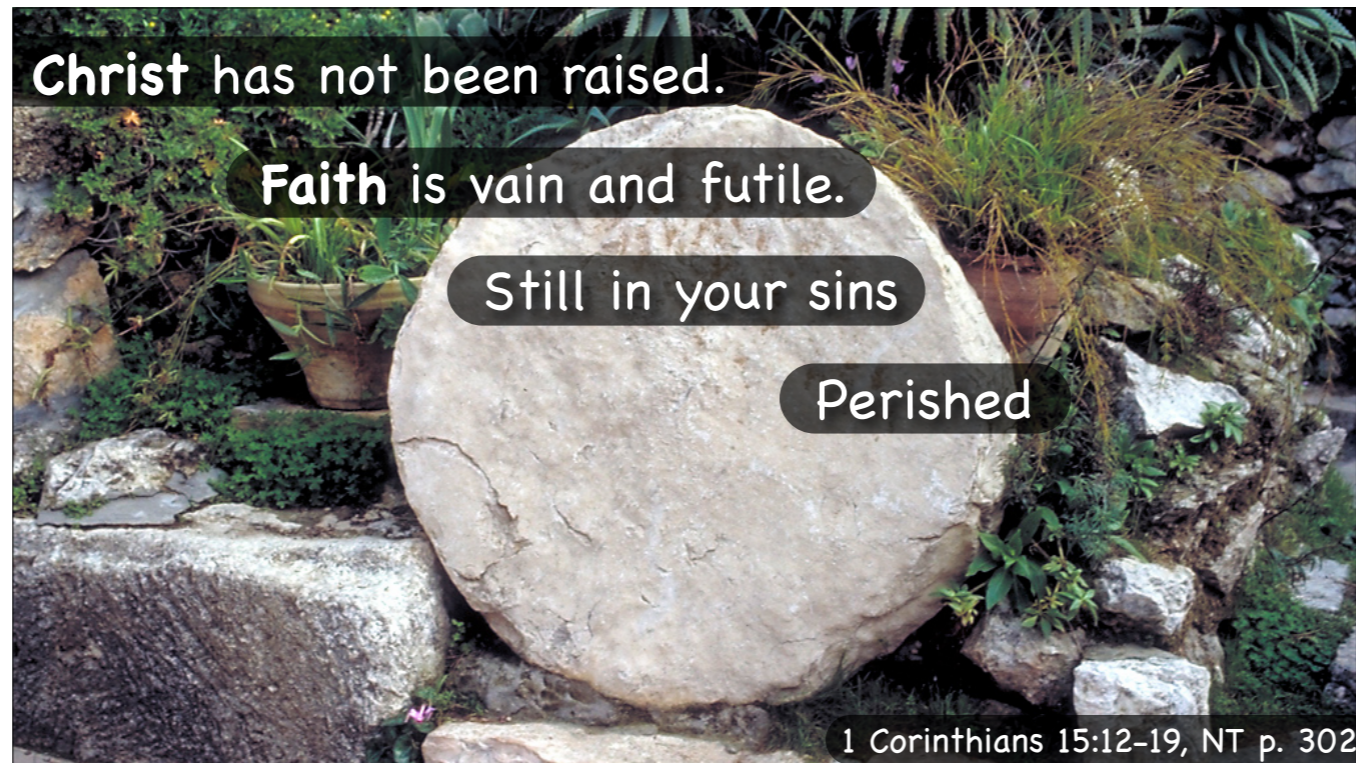
- 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then **not even Christ has been raised.**
- 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.
  - 17 And if **Christ has not been raised,**



- 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and **your faith is in vain.**
- 17 your **faith is futile** and

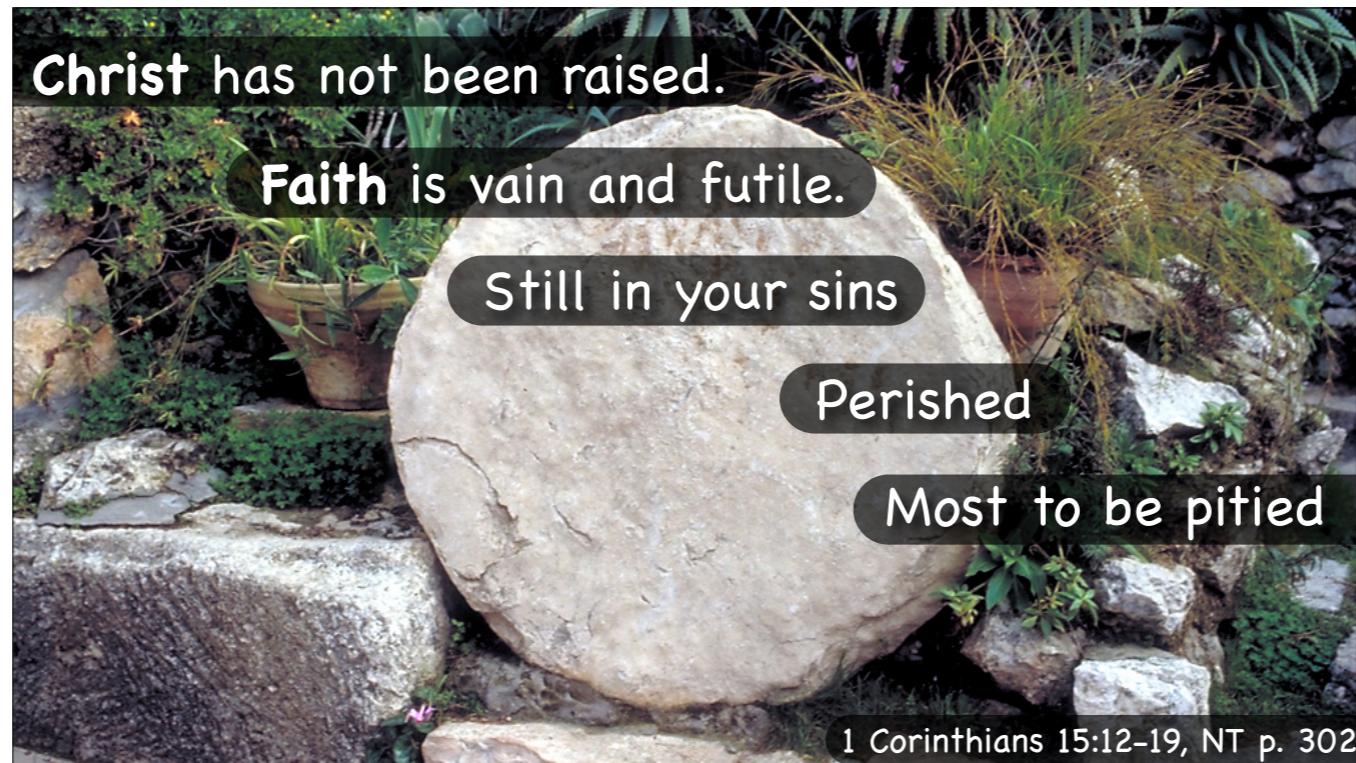


- 17 you are **still in your sins**.



- 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have **perished**.

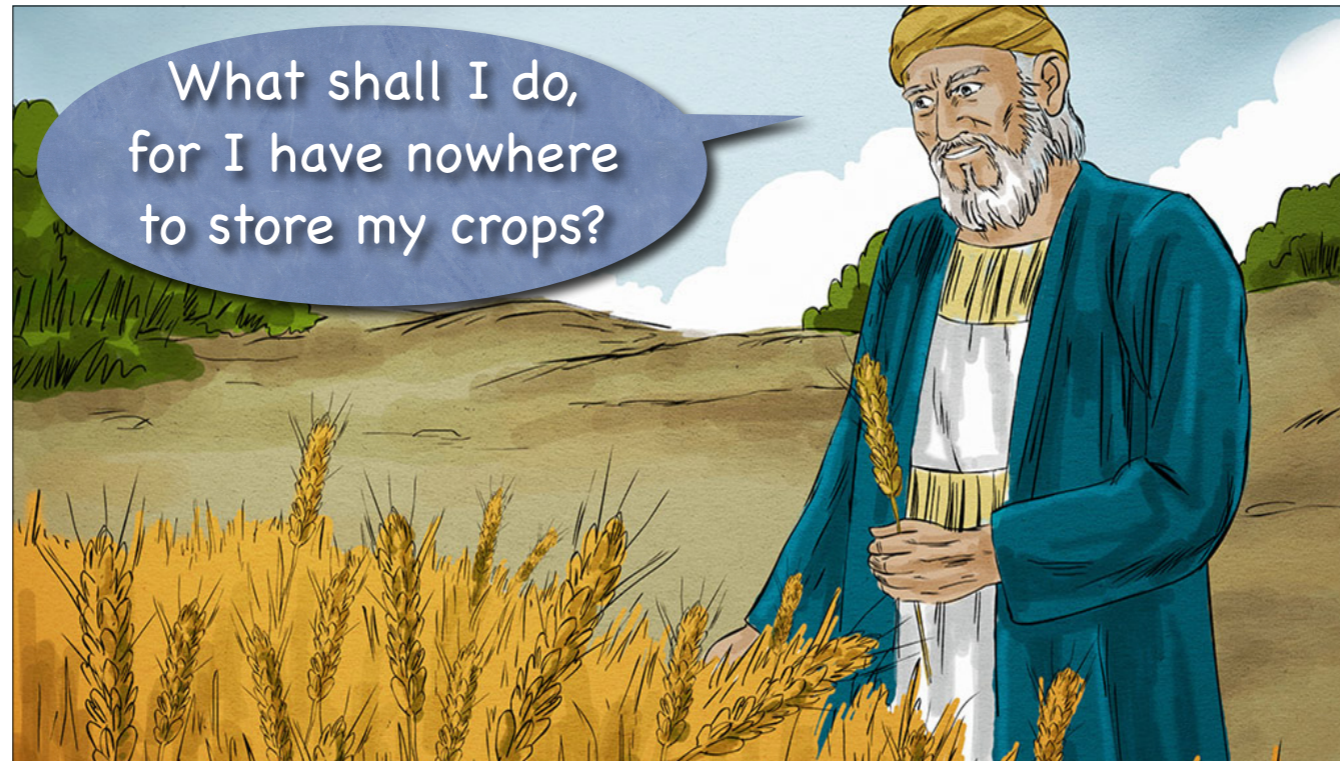




- 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be **pitied**.

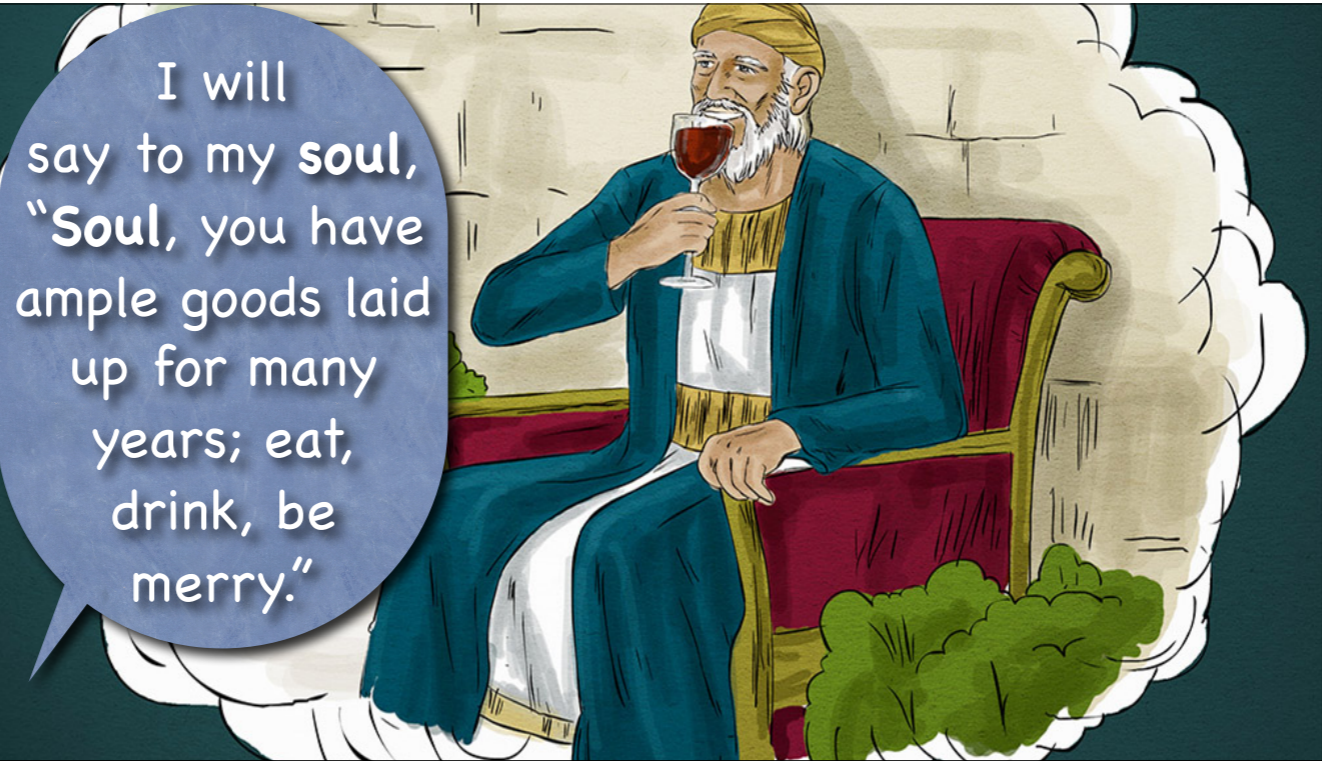


- Most people live as if there is no resurrection. It's all about this life.
- Some Christians do too.
  - It's too distant. It's not meaningful in my daily life.
  - We don't really understand it.
  - This was the problem of the rich fool!





I will  
tear down my  
barns and build  
larger ones, and  
there I will  
store all my  
grains and my  
goods.



I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; eat, drink, be merry."





- The resurrection of the dead
  - is not just theological mumbo jumbo
  - it must change our lives before God.

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**



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## Dead Lions

Ecclesiastes 9:4

Synopsis: What if there is no resurrection of the dead? Considered from the perspective of the no God, the Greeks, the Sadducees, and even some Christians. There are serious consequences not just for this life, but for the life to come.

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