

JESUS' RESURRECTION AND HOPE IN A CRISIS

SVCC Sunday Morning Online Bible Study

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OUR ESCHATOLOGICAL HOPE

- What is “eschatology”?
- What is our eschatological hope?

Romans 6:1-8 — What eschatological hope does our baptism enact?

1 Corinthians 6:14 — the promise here:

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 — In what sense is Christ “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep”?

2 Corinthians 4:14 — the promise here:

1 Corinthians 15:42-55 — What *kind* of afterlife did Paul declare would be given to followers of Jesus? How does it connect with the resurrection of Jesus *in type*?

- How does our eschatological hope help us in the midst of an international crisis today?

THAT'S GREAT! BUT THE FACT IS, WE'RE IN A HARD SPOT RIGHT NOW. BEYOND LONG-DISTANCE HOPE, DOES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS GIVE US ANY HELP DURING THIS PANDEMIC TODAY?

OUR HOPE IN THIS LIFE

Romans 4:25 — What does this mean for our relationship with God?

- Having been justified before God, we also receive his Holy Spirit, who lives in us. How does the Spirit help us in times of crisis? (Consider Romans 8:22-27, John 14:16-17, and any other passages you think of.)

Ephesians 2:1-7 — What death-and-resurrection have we *already* experienced because of God's great love for us?

Colossians 3:1-4 — 3:1 echoes the teaching of 2:12, which refers to our having been raised with Christ in baptism through faith. Because we have been raised with Christ, what should we do?

- Give 2 or 3 examples from 3:5 to 4:6...
- During a pandemic, with all its worries and fears, how should Christians behave differently than others because we've been “raised with Christ”?

1 Peter 1:3-9 — Why are we able to rejoice, though we suffer grief in all sorts of trials?

Coming up next week: WHERE IS GOD? LAMENTING DURING THE PANDEMIC