

Hi Steve. Made my first visit to Valley Nursing Center in a year. Sadly 3 of the 4 people I used to visit have died.

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 ESV

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. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 ESV

For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.

And the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Corinthians 15:16-20 ESV

For if the dead are not raised,
not even Christ has been raised.

¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

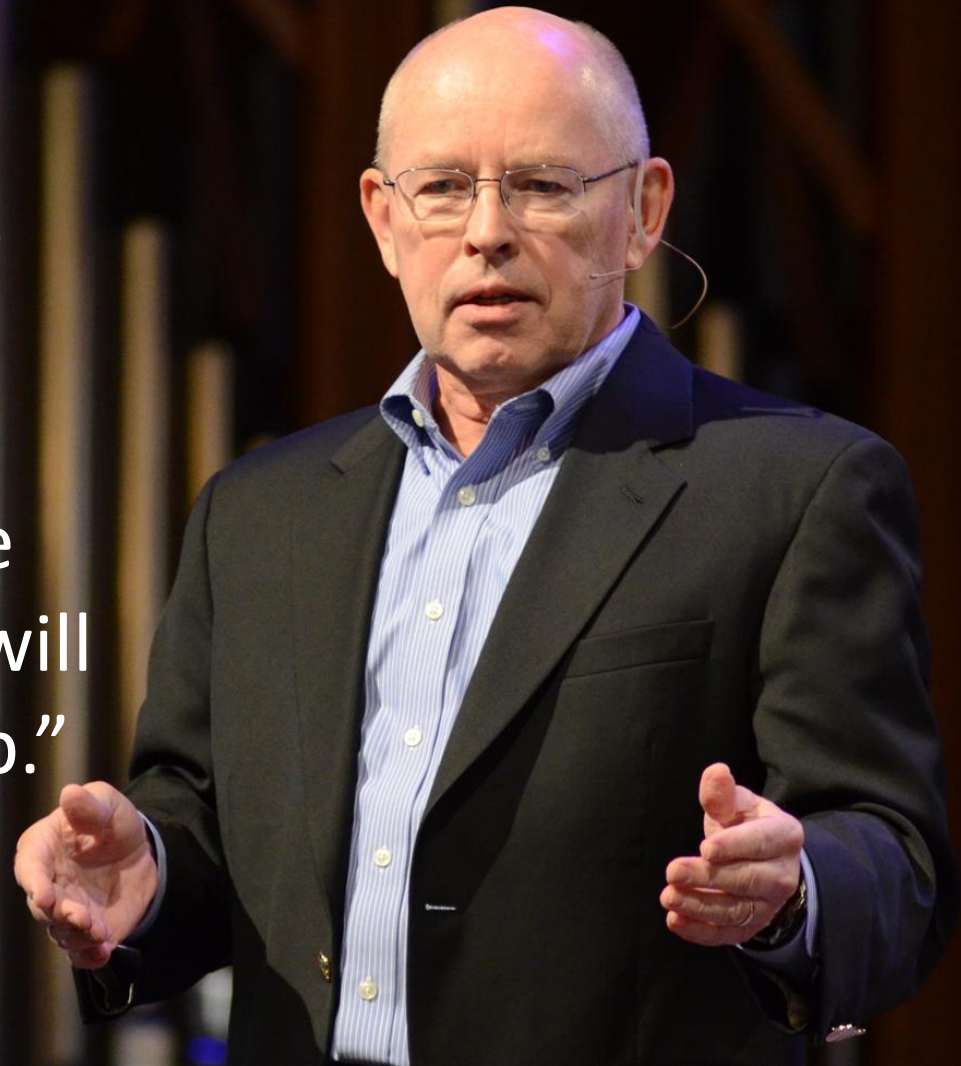
¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

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

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The firstfruits are
“the first taste of
the ripening crop
showing what the
rest of the harvest will
be like for that crop.”

Wayne Grudem



the first
of more
to follow

God honored
the Master's body
by raising it from
the grave. He'll treat
yours with the same
resurrection power.

1 Corinthians 6:14 MSG

But our citizenship
is in heaven, and from
it we await a Savior, the
Lord Jesus Christ ²¹ who
will transform our lowly
body to be like his
glorious body....

Philippians 3:20-21a

a prototype
of what
will come

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his glorious body....

Philippians 3:21a

“At the resurrection
every element and member
of the original physical body,
foreordained,
numbered,
and reordered by God,
will by God’s omnipotence once again
be regathered and reconstituted –
a perfect body,
a glorified body,
but still the same body
that had previously suffered death
and decomposition.”

Derek Prince



1 Corinthians 15:42b-44a ESV

What is sown is perishable;
what is raised is imperishable.

⁴³ It is sown in dishonor;
it is raised in glory.

It is sown in weakness;
it is raised in power.

⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body;
it is raised a spiritual body.

It is sown
a soul-governed body;
it is raised
a spirit-governed body.

1 Corinthians 15:44a

THE CONVERSATION

*‘The human body never truly disappears –
finding the remains of a tragic end can help us uncover atrocities’*

November 6, 2019

“Scientific developments are allowing information to be recovered from even the tiniest fragments and traces. DNA profiling can reveal a lost person’s identity from a milligram of powdered bone.”

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one teaspoon
contains
2325
milligrams
of salt

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 ESV

Behold! I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all sleep,

but we shall all be changed,

⁵² in a moment,

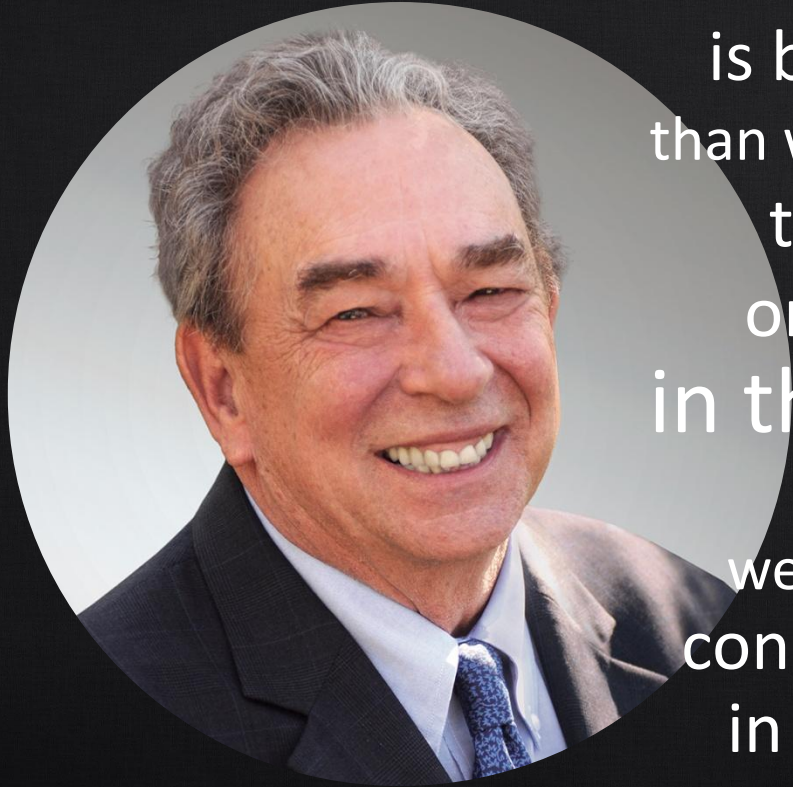
in the twinkling of an eye,

at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,

and the dead will be raised imperishable,

and we shall be changed.



“The state of the believer after death is both different and better than what we experience in this life, though not as different or as blessed as it will be in the final resurrection.

In the intermediate state we will enjoy the continuity of conscious personal existence in the presence of Christ.”

R.C. Sproul

And as they
were stoning
Stephen, he called
out, "Lord Jesus,
receive my spirit."

Acts 7:59

We know that
while we are at home
in the body we are
away from the Lord...
⁸ and we would rather
be away from the body
and at home with
the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:6,8

Philippians 1:21-23 ESV

For to me to live is Christ,
and to die is gain.

²² If I am to live in the flesh,
that means fruitful labor for me.

Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

²³ I am hard pressed between the two.
My desire is to depart and be with Christ,
for that is far better.

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in the twinkling of an eye,
at the last trumpet.
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1 Corinthians 15:51-52 ESV