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### The Facts of Life and Death:

#### 1. We are from dust and will return to dust.

*"The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."* - Genesis 2:7

*"By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."* - Genesis 3:19

#### 2. We will all die.

*"For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive."* - 1 Corinthians 15:22

#### 3. If this is our only life, we are to be pitied!

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#### 4. The body is like a seed; it must die to bring life.

*"But someone may ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?'"* <sup>36</sup>*How foolish! What you sow does not come to life until it dies."* - 1 Corinthians 15:35,36

#### 5. We The body will represent the seed, but will be greater.

*"When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as He has determined, and to each kind of seed He gives its own body."* - 1 Corinthians 15:37,38

#### 6. Christ arose as proof that we will arise.

*"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive."* - 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

#### 7. There is no doubt; you will someday have a new body.

*"If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body."* - 1 Corinthians 15:44

## What is the new body like?

- It is imperishable, that means no decay.
- It is glorified, that means no shame.
- It is powerful, that means no weakness.
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### What do we know about this?

#### 1. It is a promise made by God.

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* - John 3:16

#### 2. God says there are two choices for an afterlife.

*"Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt."* - Daniel 12:2

#### 3. Everyone makes the choice of where they spend eternity.

*"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them."* - John 3:36

#### 4. Eternal life is a mystery to us.

*"Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."* - 1 John 3:2

### Two thoughts to keep in mind:

1. Death begins the moment you are born.
2. Life begins the moment you are born again.

## Amen!

- It means certainly.
- It means I believe it.
- It means Jesus Christ.

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