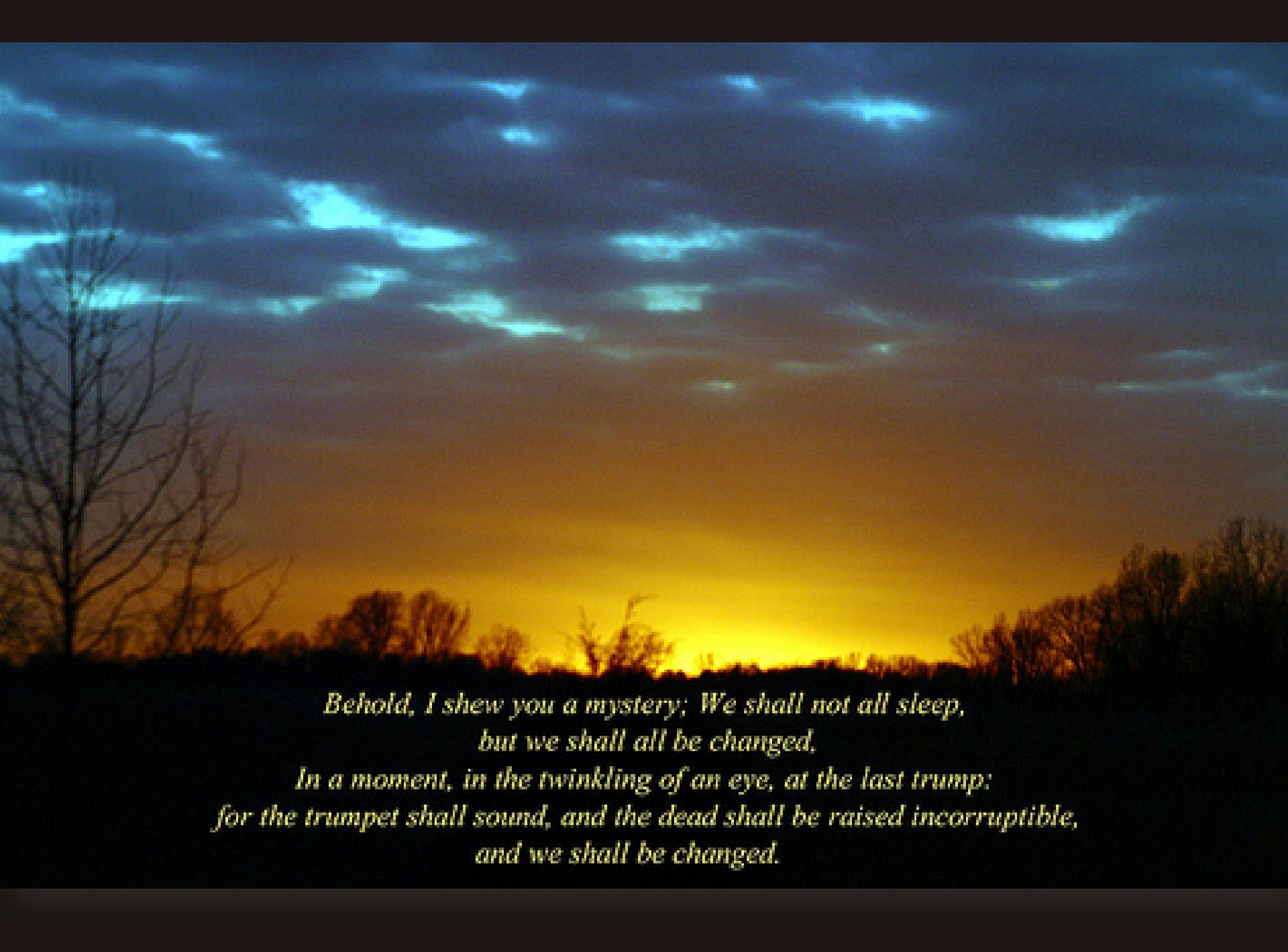


RESURRECTION UNDER GRACE





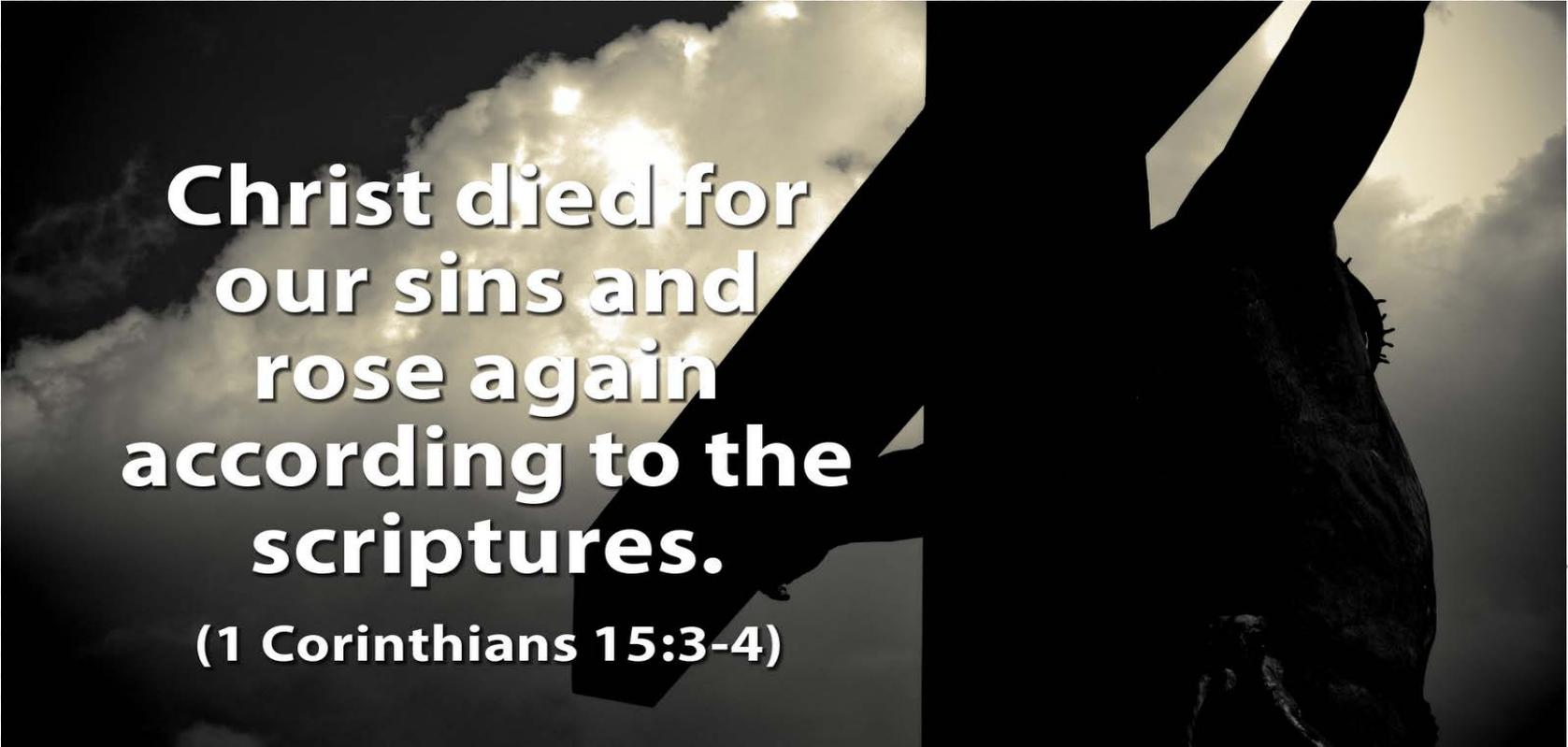


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1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

IF CHRIST
HAS NOT
BEEN
RAISED...

Acts 2:24-31: “Whom [Jesus Christ] God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that He should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning Him...Thou wilt not leave my soul in [hades], neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Therefore being a prophet...He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in [hades], neither His flesh did see corruption.”

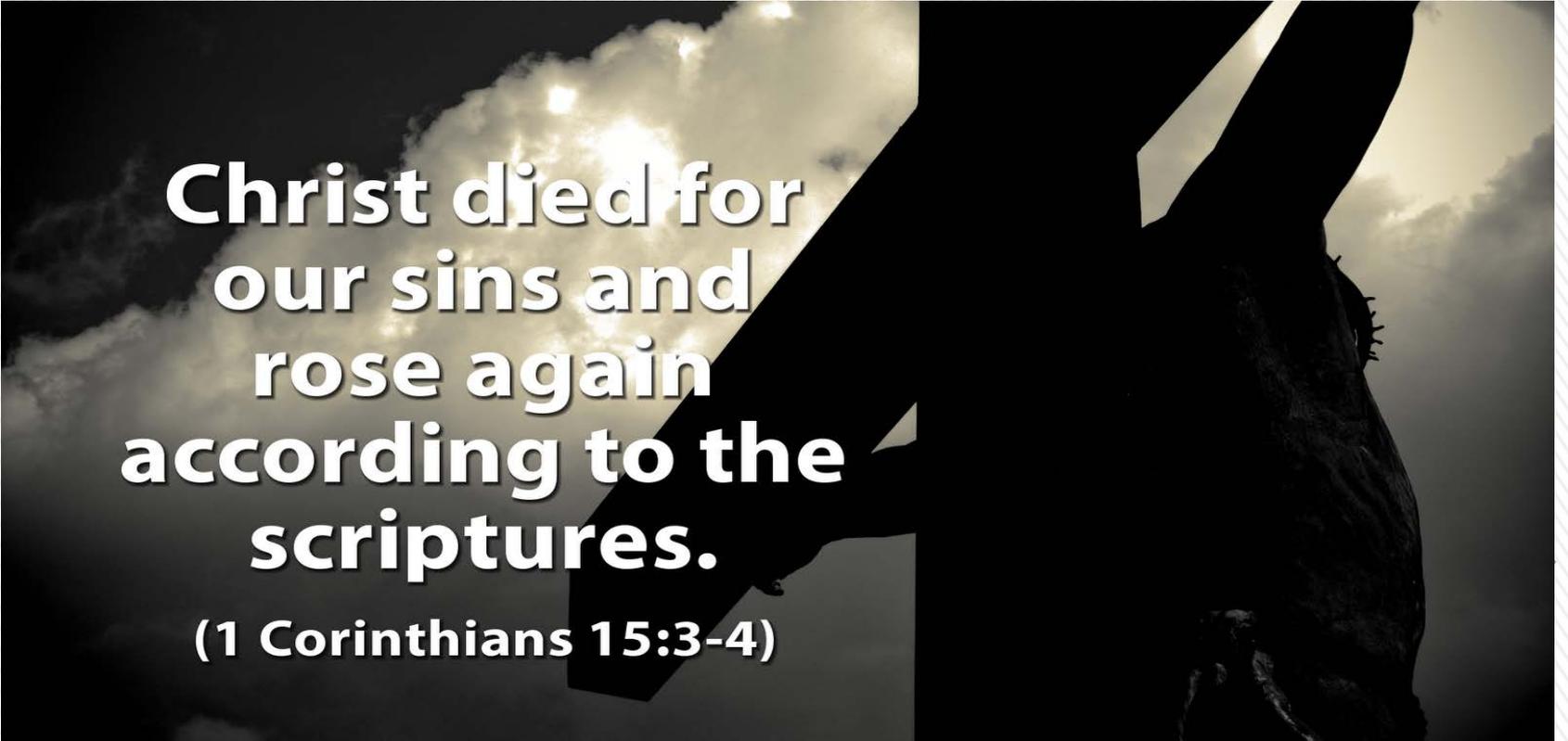


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(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

The Lord said that Jonah was a type and foreshadowed His death and resurrection and how long He would be in the grave before He rose again:

“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth” (Matt 12:40).

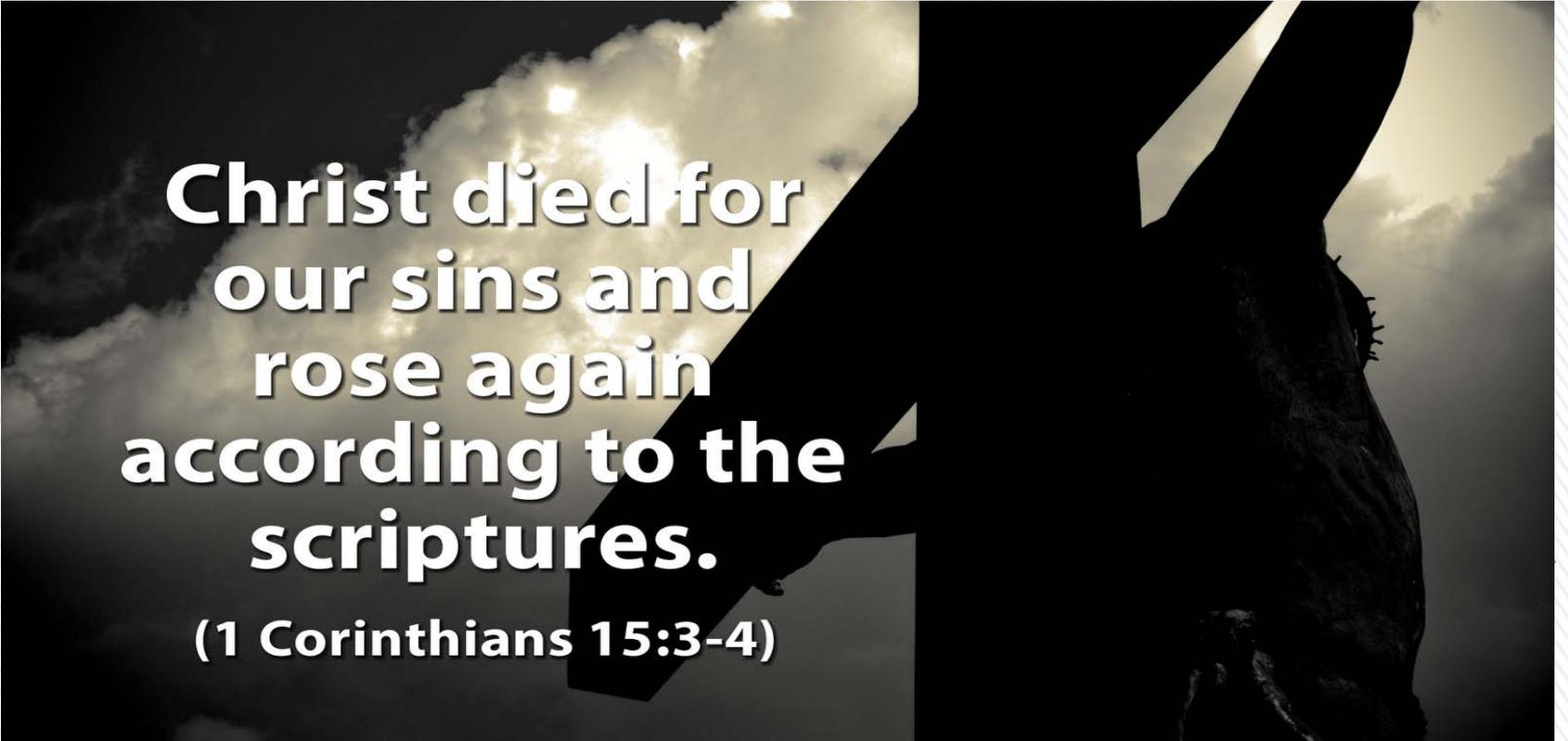


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Isaiah 53:7,8 says the Messiah would be “cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was He stricken...He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death.”

But Isa. 53:10 showed He would not remain dead, as He would “see His seed, He shall prolong His days,” meaning the Savior would rise again.



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Matt. 27:51-53: “And the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.”



SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Next in the order of the prophetic resurrections is: “*they* that are Christ’s at His Coming” (I Cor. 15:23).

This resurrection speaks of the resurrection of the prophetic saints after Christ’s Second coming.



Revelation 20:6 says,
“Blessed and holy is
he that hath part in the
first resurrection: on
such the second death
hath no power, but
they shall be priests of
God and of Christ, and
shall reign with Him a
thousand years.”



THE FIRST RESURRECTION

Daniel prophesies of the “first resurrection” in 12:2 and says: “And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake...to everlasting life.”

Ezekiel 37:12-14 prophesies of this also: “Therefore prophesy and say unto them [Israel], Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.”



THE FIRST RESURRECTION

Job had this hope in Job 19:25-27: “For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.”



THE FIRST RESURRECTION

The “first resurrection” is the resurrection of all prophetic saints from the past prior to this dispensation of grace, and it also includes the resurrection of all the martyred tribulation saints from the future, after the dispensation of grace.

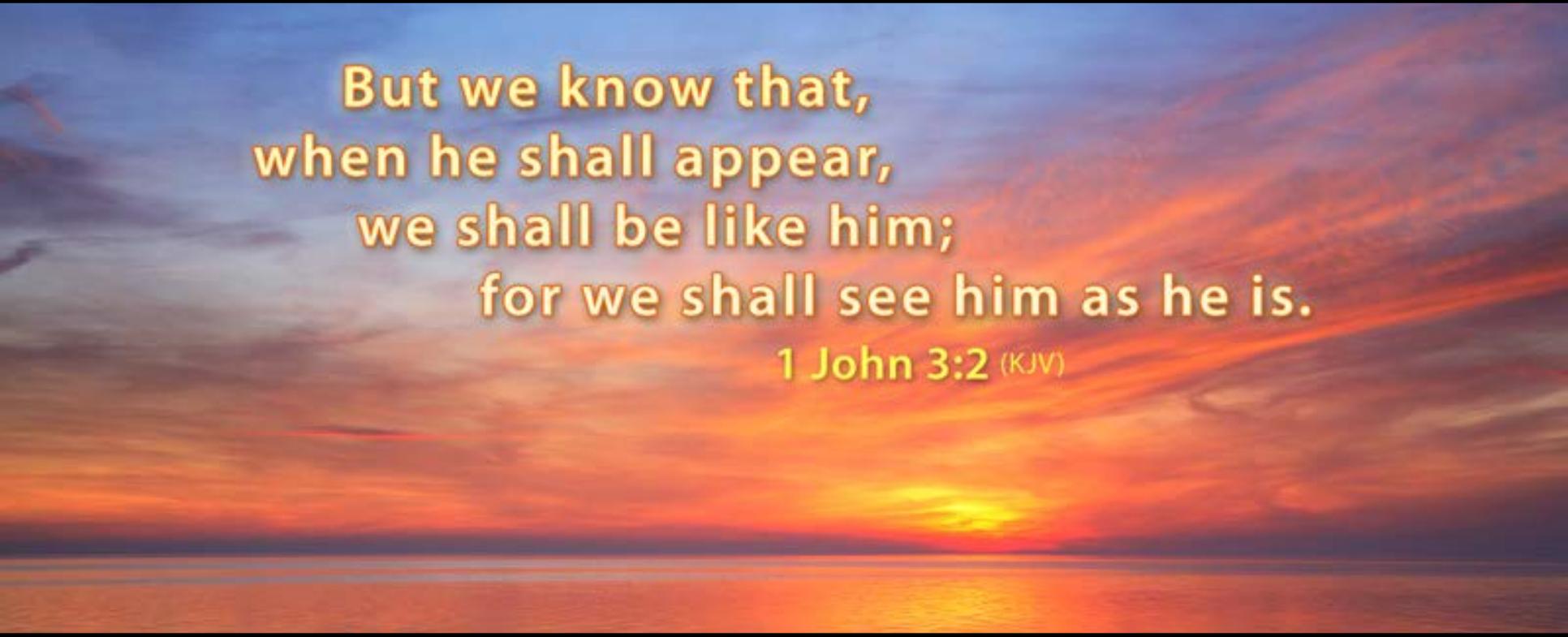




THE MILLENNIUM CHRIST'S RULE ON EARTH

They will all be raised from the dead by the Lord after His Second Coming and prior to the Millennial Kingdom. These saints will be raised on the earth and walk right into the earthly kingdom reign of Christ.





But we know that,
when he shall appear,
we shall be like him;
for we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:2 (KJV)

In the “first resurrection” their bodies will be raised and changed and will be like Christ’s resurrection body.

1 John 3:2 speaks of this when he writes, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God...we know that, when He shall appear [at the Second Coming], we shall be like Him.”



John 5:28,29: “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”





THE MILLENNIUM CHRIST'S RULE ON EARTH

Matthew 8:11 says, “That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.”

Every man has this look



when his wife is driving

FOR HE MUST REIGN UNTIL HE HAS PUT ALL HIS ENEMIES UNDER HIS FEET. THE LAST ENEMY TO BE DESTROYED IS DEATH.

HE MUST REIGN

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-28

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“This is the second death, the lake of fire.”

Rev. 20:14



Revelation 20:13-15: “And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and [hades] delivered up the dead which were in them...And death and [hades] were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”



There are 1000 years between the first and second resurrections. The second resurrection is a resurrection for all unbelievers of all ages.

It's called the "resurrection of damnation" in John 5:29. Daniel 12:2 prophesies of this resurrection and says "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake...to shame and everlasting contempt."



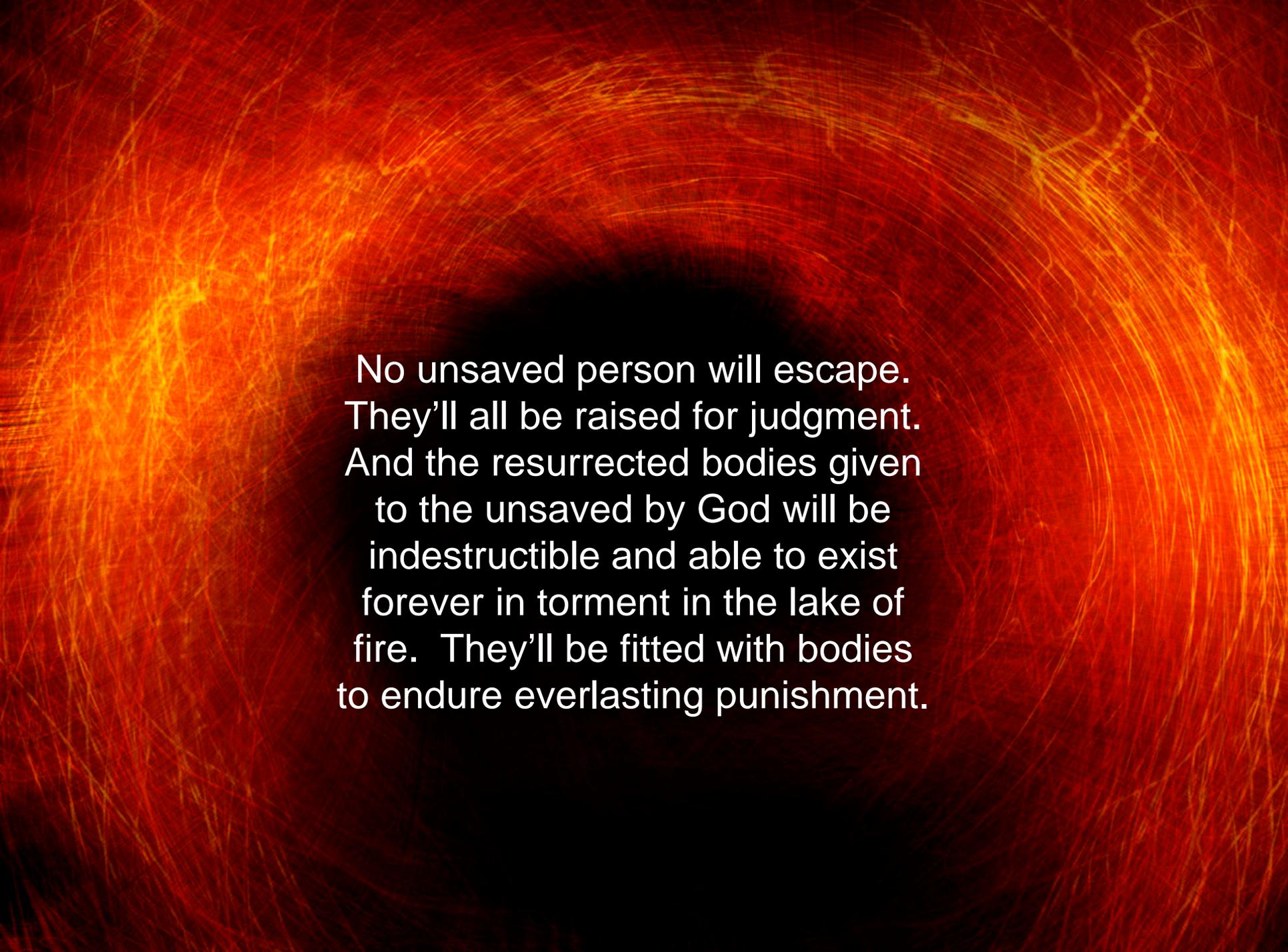
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No unsaved person will escape.
They'll all be raised for judgment.
And the resurrected bodies given
to the unsaved by God will be
indestructible and able to exist
forever in torment in the lake of
fire. They'll be fitted with bodies
to endure everlasting punishment.

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Death and the grave give up the body, hades gives up the soul, the body is raised and joined to the soul. The sentence of the second death, eternal separation from God, is passed on all unbelievers. And then both body and soul are cast into the lake of fire.





BIBLE PROPHECY

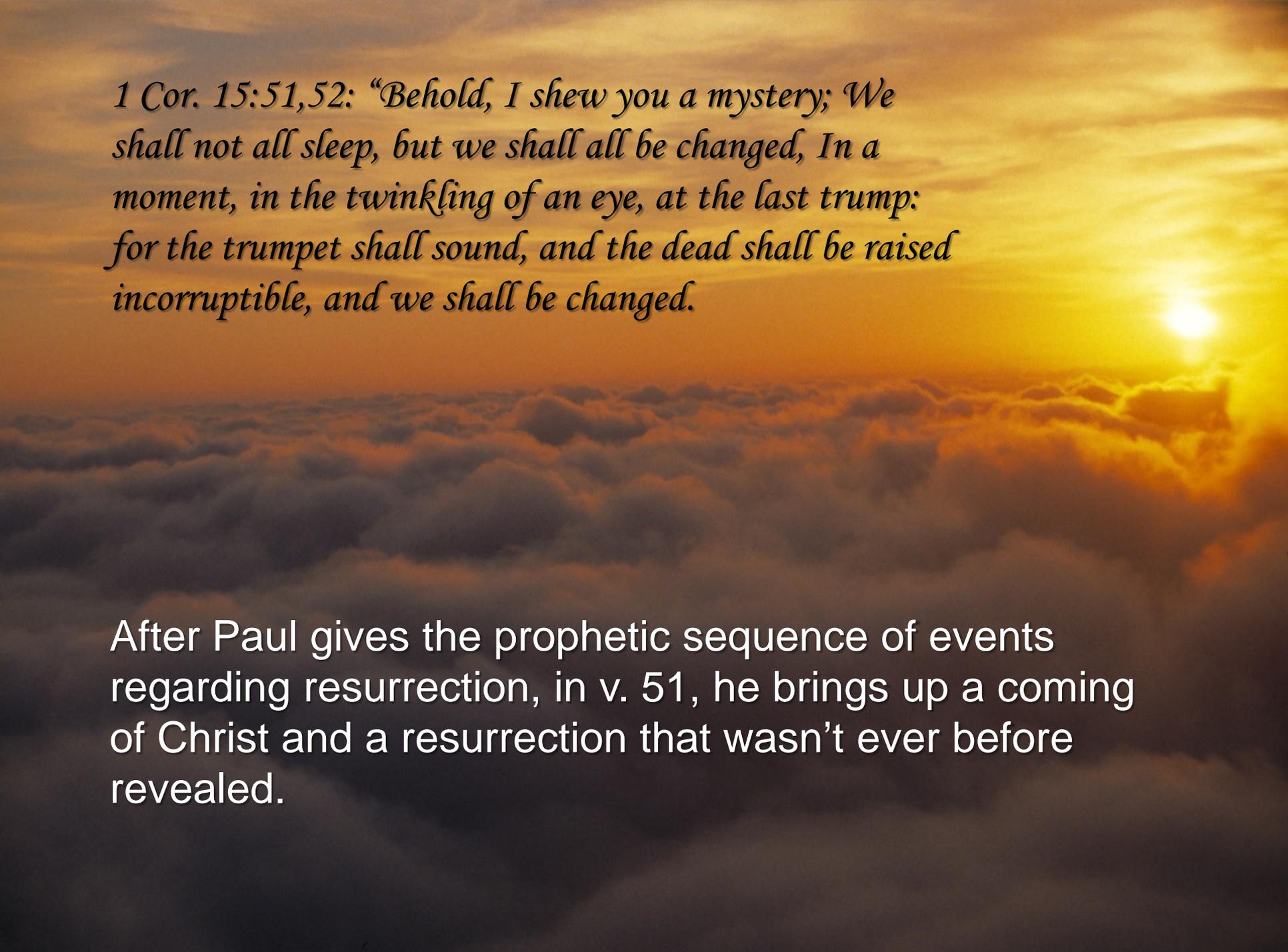
Prophecy tells us of 3 resurrections:

1. Jesus Christ's
2. Those saved under Israel's program before they enter the Kingdom on earth.
3. All unbelievers before they are cast into the Lake of Fire.



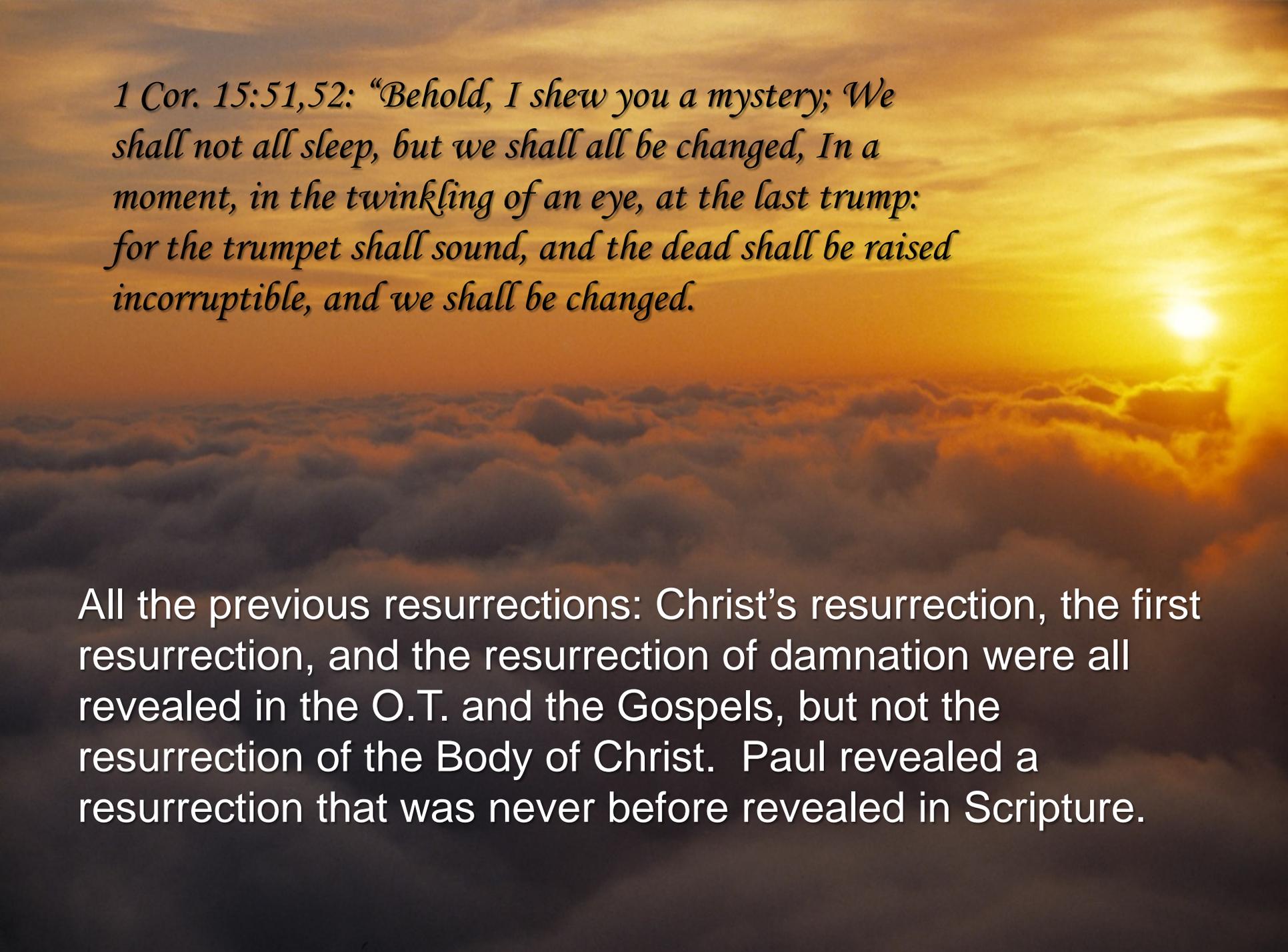
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1 Cor 15:51





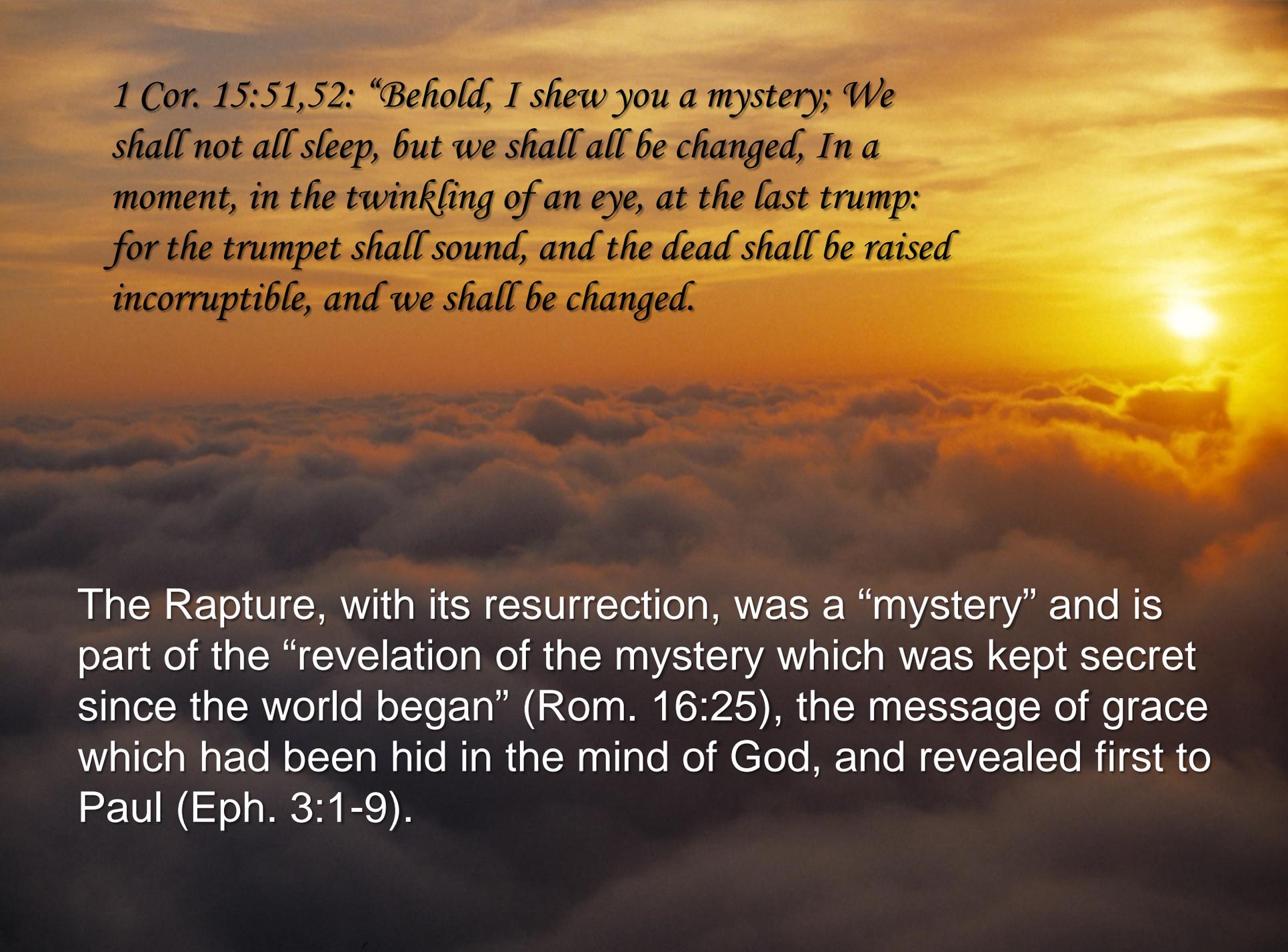
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After Paul gives the prophetic sequence of events regarding resurrection, in v. 51, he brings up a coming of Christ and a resurrection that wasn't ever before revealed.



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All the previous resurrections: Christ's resurrection, the first resurrection, and the resurrection of damnation were all revealed in the O.T. and the Gospels, but not the resurrection of the Body of Christ. Paul revealed a resurrection that was never before revealed in Scripture.



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The Rapture, with its resurrection, was a “mystery” and is part of the “revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began” (Rom. 16:25), the message of grace which had been hid in the mind of God, and revealed first to Paul (Eph. 3:1-9).

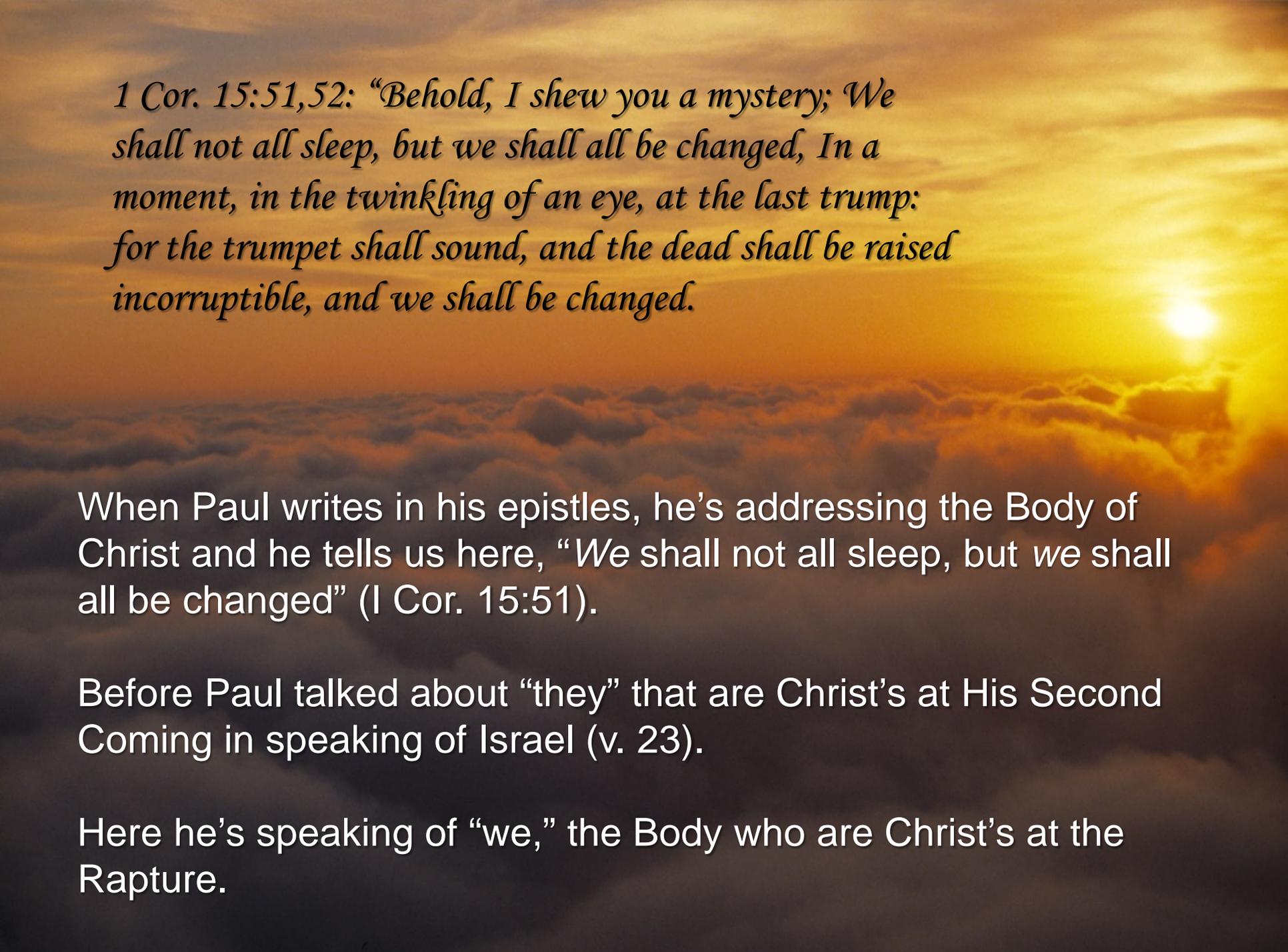
With both the Second Coming and the Rapture, a resurrection takes place.



At the Second Coming for Israel, a resurrection for Israel takes place.



At the Rapture of the Body of Christ, a resurrection for the Body of Christ takes place.



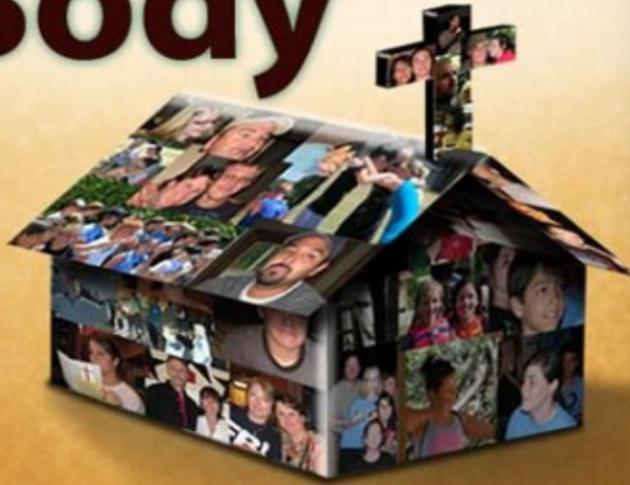
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When Paul writes in his epistles, he’s addressing the Body of Christ and he tells us here, “We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed” (I Cor. 15:51).

Before Paul talked about “they” that are Christ’s at His Second Coming in speaking of Israel (v. 23).

Here he’s speaking of “we,” the Body who are Christ’s at the Rapture.

the
Body



GRACE

The Rapture is resurrection day for the Body of Christ **only**.

Only those saved in the dispensation of grace will be raised at the Rapture.

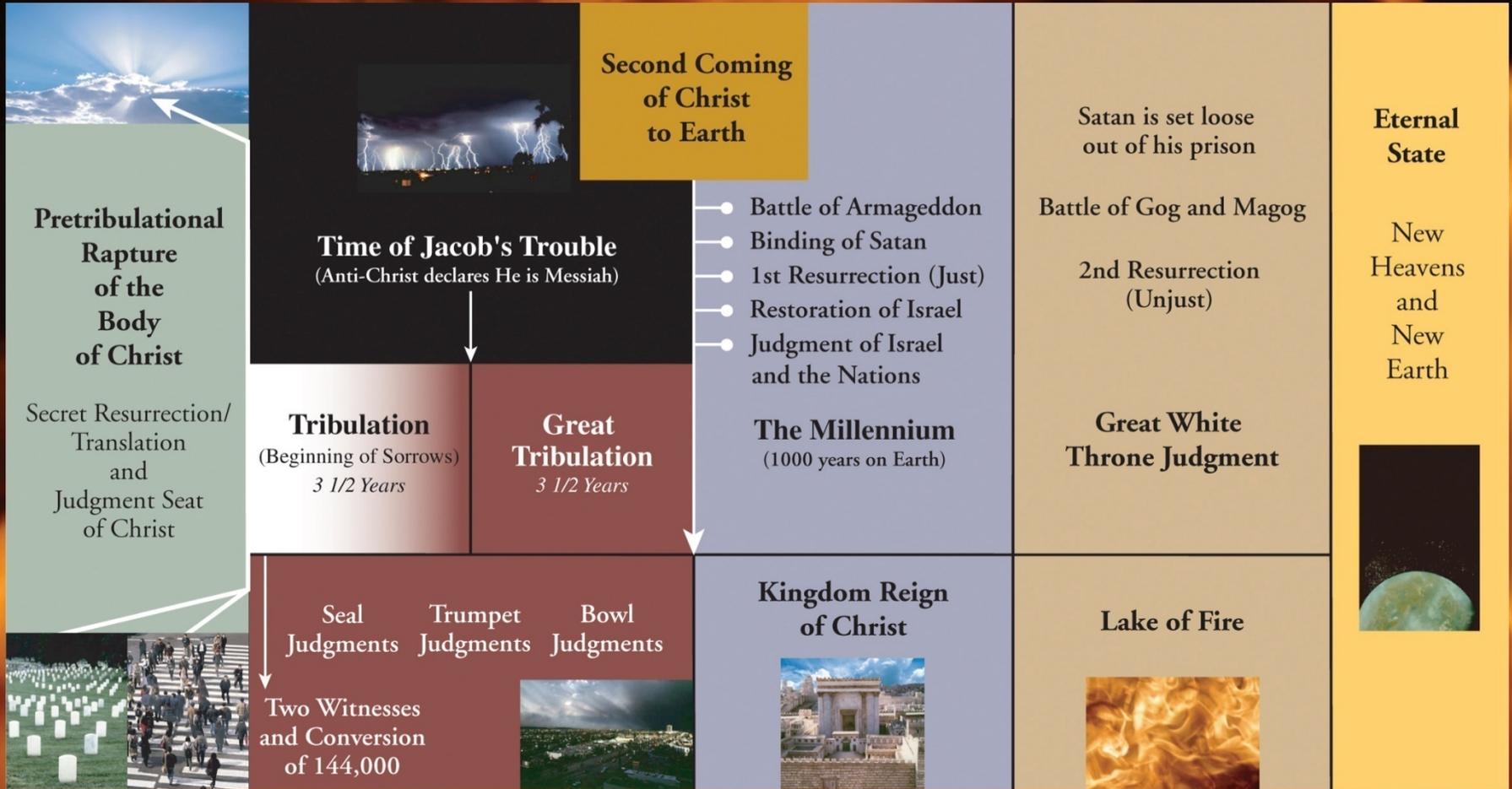
**1. SECRET RESURRECTION = Body of Christ at the Rapture
(1 Cor. 15:51)**

**2. 1ST RESURRECTION = Israel at the Second Coming
(Rev. 20:5-6)**

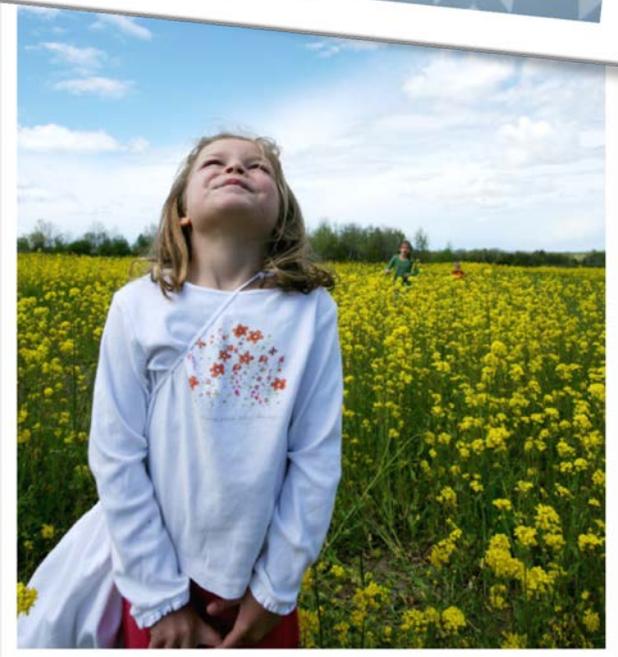
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Things to Come



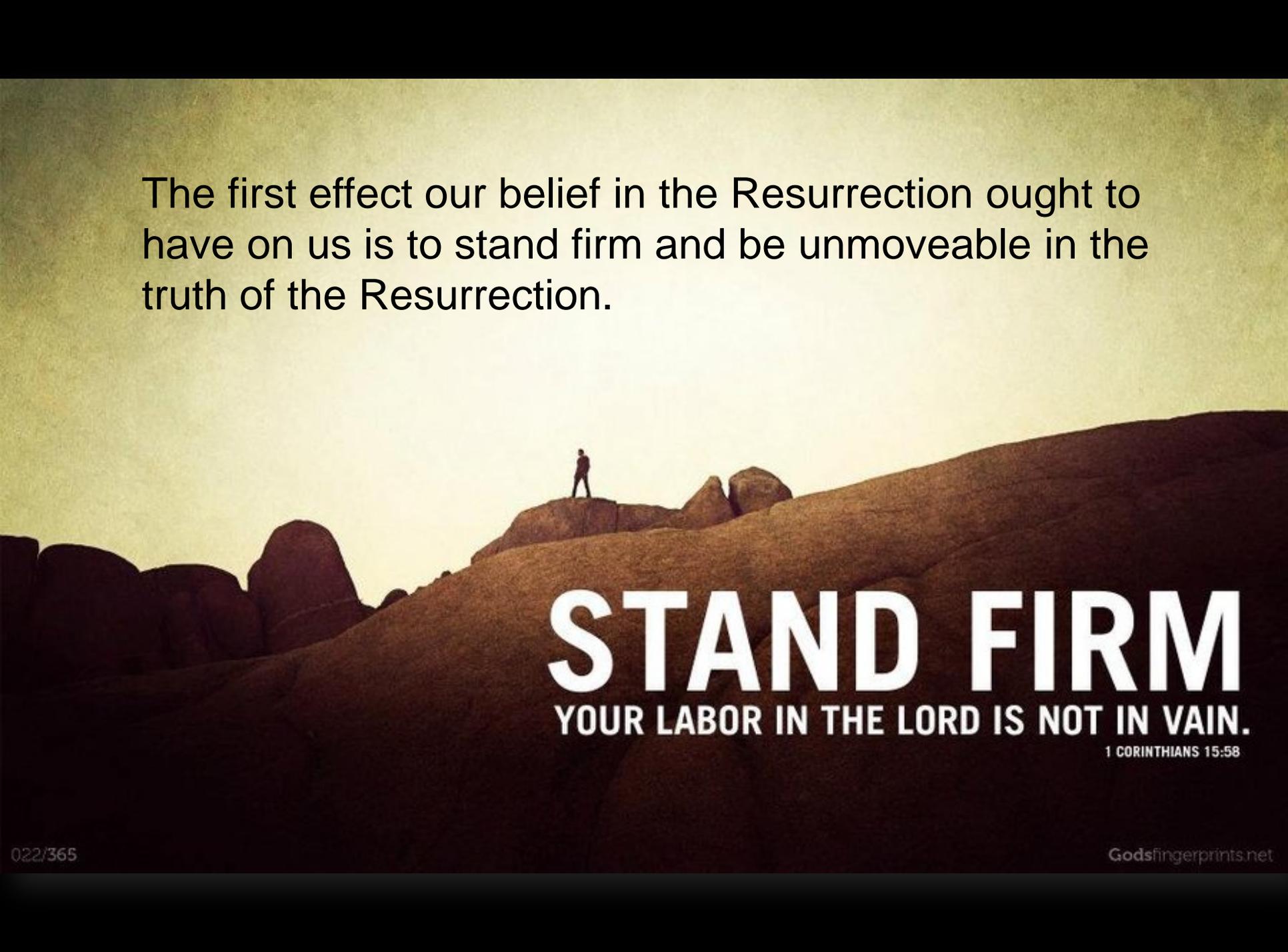
RAPTURE





Philippians 3:20,21 says, “For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body.”

The first effect our belief in the Resurrection ought to have on us is to stand firm and be unmoveable in the truth of the Resurrection.

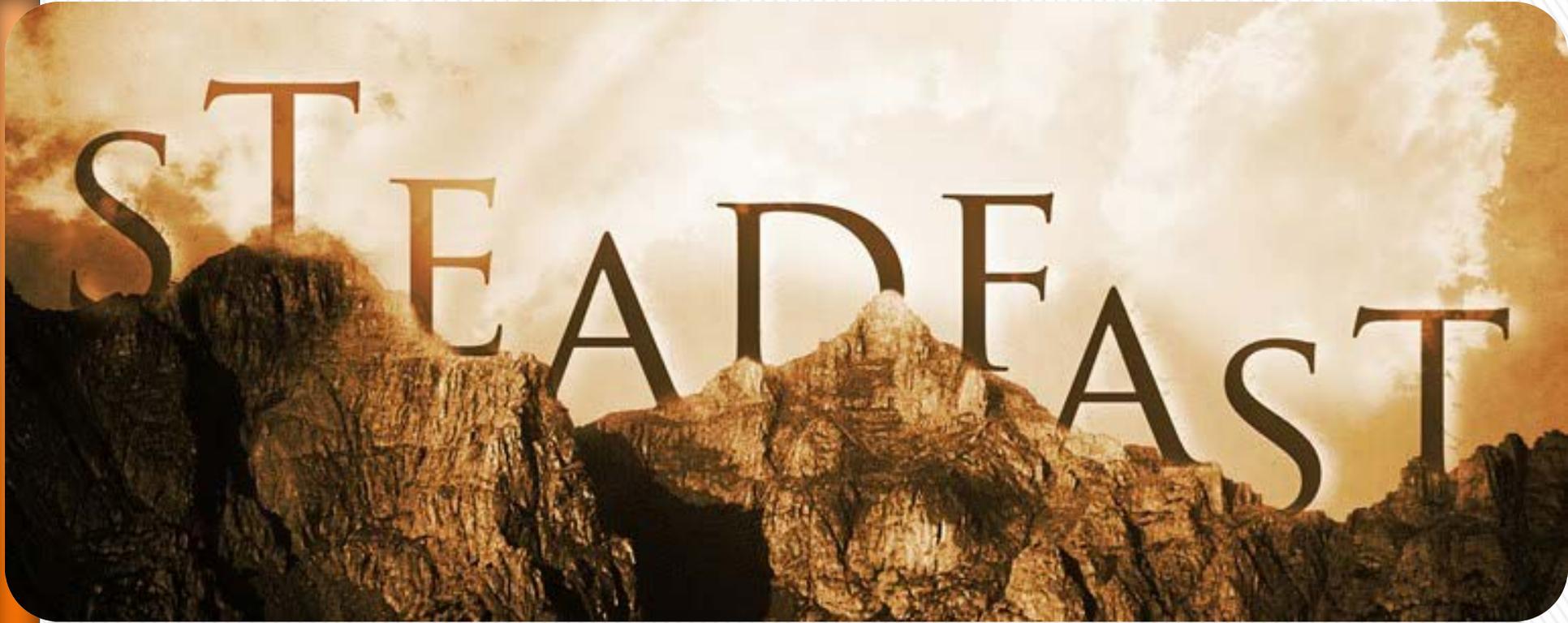
A person is silhouetted against a warm, golden sky, standing on a rocky hill. The scene is a landscape with large, rounded boulders and a low horizon line. The overall mood is contemplative and firm.

STAND FIRM
YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

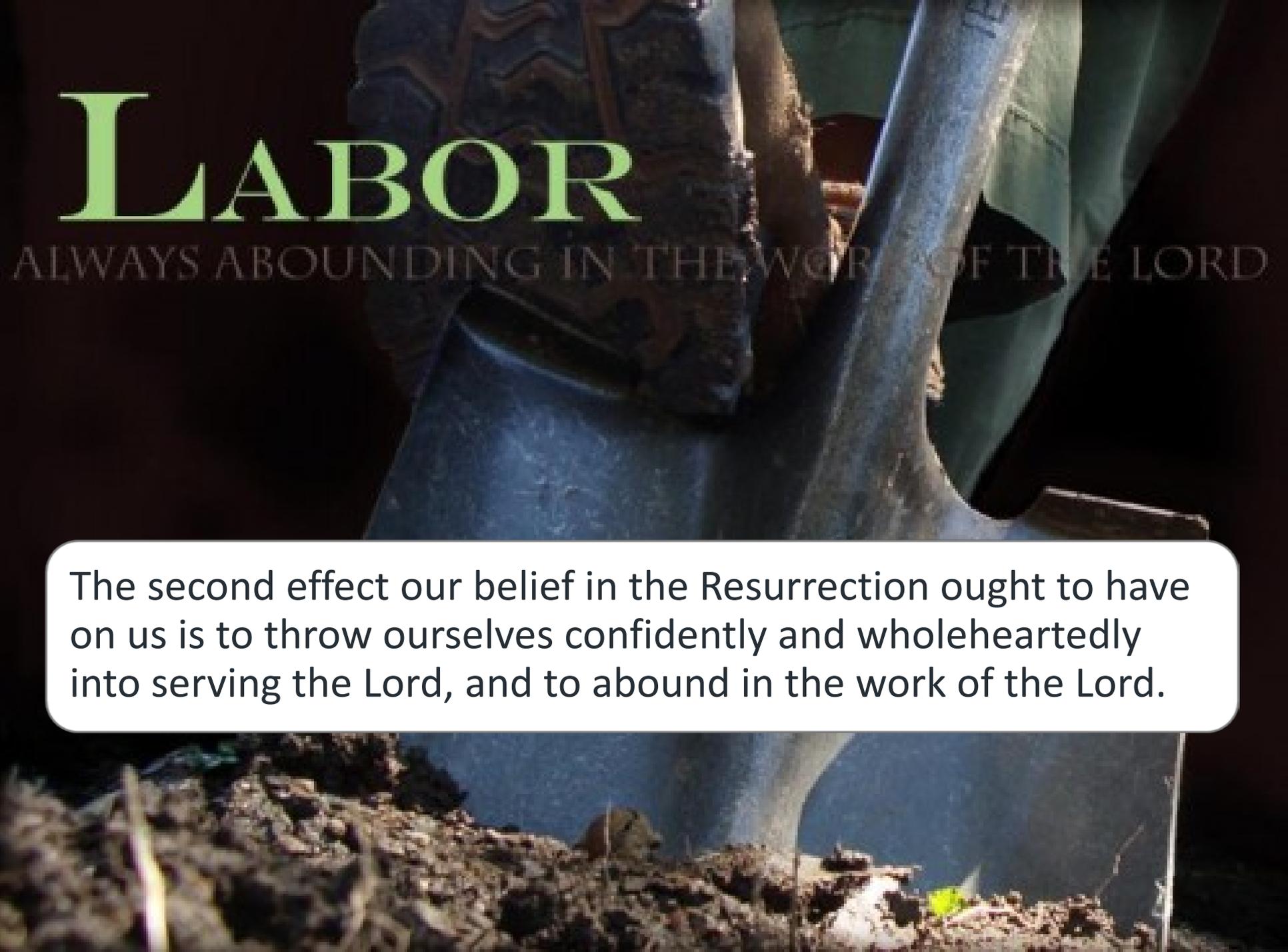
He is Risen...





We must hang on tightly, not give an inch, remain fixed, steadfast, not move off center, not let doubters and mockers, no matter what their credentials, undermine or weaken our confidence in Christ's resurrection or our resurrection at the Rapture.

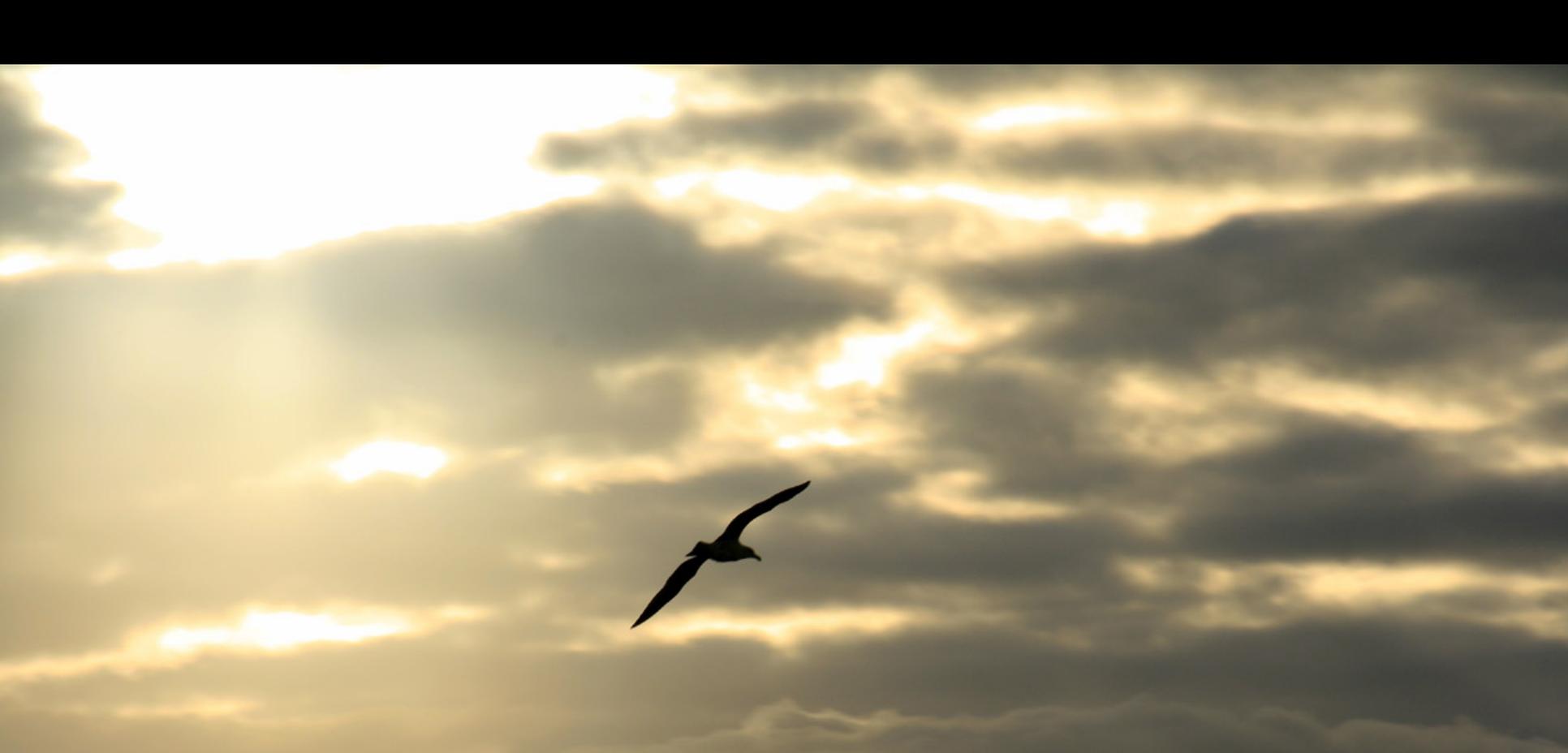


A person wearing a green long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans is using a shovel to dig in the soil. The shovel is positioned vertically, and the person's hands are visible near the top of the handle. The background is dark, and the soil is a rich brown color. The overall scene suggests a person engaged in manual labor, such as gardening or construction.

LABOR

ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD

The second effect our belief in the Resurrection ought to have on us is to throw ourselves confidently and wholeheartedly into serving the Lord, and to abound in the work of the Lord.



Andrew Murray writes, “God has no more precious gift to a church or an age than a person who lives as an embodiment of His will, and inspires those around them with the faith of what grace can do.”