

I believe in God's Gift of Life

Introduction: A Big Finish

I. The Forgiveness of Sins (Luke 7:36-49, Colossians 2:13-14)

Forgiveness of sins means that, in Christ, we have had the record of all the ways in which we have wronged God cancelled because of his death in our place and resurrection.

Implications:

- Forgive one another

*Cf. Matthew 6:14-15, 18:21-35, Mark 11:25,
Eph 4:32, Colossians 3:13*

II. The Resurrection of the Body (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Because of Christ's work on the cross, those who believe in him will be raised from death on the last day; Jesus' own resurrection gives us certainty about this

- Jesus was physically raised from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)
- We have been raised spiritually (Ephesians 2:6, Colossians 2:11-12, 3:1)
- We will be raised bodily (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Implications:

- Grieve but with hope

1 Thess 4:13

- Seek the things that are above

Colossians 3:1

III. The Life Everlasting

Having had sins forgiven, the ultimate end of sin, death itself, will no longer be the eternal fate of those who trust in Jesus, rather they will live forever with him

- i. Everlasting life starts now (John 3:15,16,36)
- ii. Everlasting life lasts forever (John 17:22-24, Revelation 21:1-4)

Implications: Abide

Conclusion: The glory of what we believe