

their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years." **(Revelation 20:7-10)** "Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison {8} and will go out to deceive the nations .. to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. {9} They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. {10} The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

would perish for lack of sunlight.

But praise God, the sun does rise every day. Its warm, life-giving light floods the earth. The "death" of a sunset each day is followed by the "resurrection" of a sunrise the next day— and our hope is renewed. Every morning the rays of the sun remind us that the long night of sin and darkness will give way to eternal day in heaven.

Even more sure than the rising of the morning sun is the certainty of our resurrection in Jesus Christ. The dark night of death came upon Him, and His lifeless body was laid in the tomb. But He arose! And in His resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection to life. The apostle Paul declared, "Even so in Christ all shall be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

The next time you see the sun rise and watch its rays brighten the morning sky, let hope fill your heart. It is a reminder of your own sure resurrection! —DCE

*Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home. —Wesley*

Christ's resurrection is the guarantee of our own.



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Sunrise Hope

Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. —Mark 16:2

Think of what it would be like if we went to bed some night knowing that the sun would not rise again the next morning. Think of the coldness, the unending darkness, the inescapable fingers of death that would gradually move across the earth. Plants would wither, flowers would wilt, trees would die, and all of life



The Resurrection: Our Hope



IV HOPE

(Psalms 88:6-9) "You have laid me in the lowest pit, In darkness, in the depths. {7} Your wrath lies heavy upon me, And You have afflicted me with all Your waves. Selah {8} You have put away my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an abomination to them; I am shut up, and I cannot get out; {9} My eye wastes away because of affliction. LORD, I have called daily upon You; I have stretched out my hands to You."

In 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 there are three pictures of our resurrection to enhance our hope:

1. A _____, verses 1-8, 12-20, 23, 16:15

(Leviticus 23:10) "'Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest.'



(1 Peter 1:3) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"

(Hebrews 12:3) "For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls."

2. A _____, verses 21-22

(Romans 5:17-19) "For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) {18} Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. {19} For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous."

(John 14:19-24) "'A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. {20} 'At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. {21} 'He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.' {22} Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, 'Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?' {23} Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. {24} 'He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.'"

(John 15:4) "'Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.'"

(John 17:20-21) "'I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; {21} 'that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.'"

(Romans 10:9) "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."



3. A _____, verses 23-26

#1 Christ, verse 23

#2 The rapture, verses 23, 51-53

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

[14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. {15} For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. {16} For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. {17} Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. {18} Therefore comfort one another with these words."

2024-2025 Financial Summary											
Category	2024	2025	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33
Revenue	1,000,000	1,050,000	50,000	1,100,000	1,150,000	1,200,000	1,250,000	1,300,000	1,350,000	1,400,000	1,450,000
Expenses	800,000	850,000	50,000	900,000	950,000	1,000,000	1,050,000	1,100,000	1,150,000	1,200,000	1,250,000
Net Income	200,000	200,000	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000

#3 The end, verses 24-26

(Revelation 20:4) "And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on