

To get our starting point for v. 29

1 Cor 15:12 Now if Christ is preached,
that He has been raised from the dead,
how do some among you say that there is
no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if
there is no resurrection of the dead, not
even Christ has been raised; 14 and if
Christ has not been raised, then our
preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

1Co 15:29 Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?

Dead is plural -- them (in Gr - dead ones - in all versions) thus this cannot refer to one dead one; it is not Jesus Christ.

Baptized for the dead indicates continuing action. Who is dead before baptism? All are dead before baptism!

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and
fall short of the glory of God,

Sinners are dead before baptism.

Who is made alive in baptism?

Those baptized -- the saved

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection,

8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of
God through faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For all of you who were
baptized into Christ have clothed
yourselves with Christ.

1Co 15:30-32 Why are we also in danger every hour? (31) I protest, brethren, by the boasting in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. (32) If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, LET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.

Paul was in Ephesus in Acts 18, 19. At Acts 20:19 he talks about his trials there. No mention of wild beasts at Ephesus in his list of II Cor 11:22-28, thus perhaps a metaphor because it is unlikely that Luke or Paul would have left this out. After his deliverance in Rome such action was noted but he does make mention of it after his first imprisonment II Tim 4:17

Acts 20:18 "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews;

2 Cor 11:24 Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. 26 I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; 27 I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

2 Tim 4:17 But the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me, in order that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was delivered out of the lion's mouth.

1Co 15:33-34 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals." (34) Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning; for some have no knowledge of God. I speak *this* to your shame.

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase?

1Co 15:35-36 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?" (36) You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies;

Mat 5:22 "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be guilty *enough to go* into the fiery hell.

Fool

– here 1Co 15.36 Gr *aphros* – one
who lacks common sense

In Mt 5.22 Gr *moros* – scorns heart
and character

1Co 15:39 All flesh is not the same flesh,
but there is one *flesh* of men, and another
flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds,
and another of fish.

A proof of revelation from God.

Difference in flesh could not be known
without a microscope (On 9 October 1676,
Van Leeuwenhoek reported the discovery
of micro-organisms with a microscope. –
Wikipedia)

1Co 15:40-43 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the *glory* of the earthly is another.

(41) There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. (42) So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable *body*, it is raised an imperishable *body*; (43) it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

Luke 20:33 "In the resurrection therefore, which one's wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife." 34 And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, 35 but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage; 36 for neither can they die anymore, for they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

Gen 3:19 By the sweat of your
face You shall eat bread, Till you
return to the ground, Because
from it you were taken; For you
are dust, And to dust you shall
return. "

Ps 103:13 Just as a father has
compassion on his children, So the
LORD has compassion on those who fear
Him. 14 For He Himself knows our
frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.
15 As for man, his days are like grass; As
a flower of the field, so he flourishes. 16
When the wind has passed over it, it is no
more; And its place acknowledges it no
longer.

1Co 15:44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*.

Natural body – *psuchikos* from psuche --
soul--KJV soul, heart, mind, soul

spiritual body – *pneumatikos* from pneuma
-- spirit KJV ghost, life, spirit, mind

1 John 3:1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

1Co 15:49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

Phil 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

1Co 15:50-52 Now I say this, brethren, that
flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of
God; nor does the perishable inherit the
imperishable. (51) Behold, I tell you a mystery;
we will not all sleep, but we will 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 will
be changed.

1 Thess 4:15 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, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall 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.

1Co 15:53 For this perishable must
put on the imperishable, and this
mortal must put on immortality.

No death in our heavenly body!

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2 Cor 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven; 3 inasmuch as we, having put it on, shall not be found naked. 4 For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, in order that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

We will be victorious!

1Co 15:54-57 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. (55) "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" (56)

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; (57) but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev 17:14 "These will wage war
against the Lamb, and the Lamb
will overcome them, because He
is Lord of lords and King of
kings, and those who are with
Him are the called and chosen
and faithful."

1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved
brethren, be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of
the Lord, knowing that your toil is
not *in* vain in the Lord.

Our work will be displayed to all

1 Cor 3:13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.

Our praise will come from God

1 Cor 4:5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.