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**THE RESURRECTION OF GOD'S
PEOPLE**

Romans 14, 1 Corinthians 15, and 1
Thessalonians 4, RSV

DOCTRINES

Resurrection of the Saints

**To this end Christ died and
lived again,**

that he might be Lord

both of the dead and of the living.

***If for this life only we have
hoped in Christ,***

***we are of all men most to
be pitied.***

***But in fact Christ has been raised
from the dead, the first fruits of
those who have fallen asleep.***

**For as by a man came death,
by a man has come also
the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be
made alive.**

***For this we declare to you by the
word of the Lord,
that we who are alive,***

***who are left until the
coming of the Lord,***

***shall not precede those who have
fallen asleep.***

**For the Lord himself will descend
from heaven with a cry of
command,**

with the archangel's call,

**and with the sound of the trumpet
of God.**

**And the dead in Christ will rise
first;**

***then we who are alive,
who are left,***

***shall be caught up together
with them***

***in the clouds to meet the Lord
in the air;***

***and so we shall always be with
the Lord.***

***Therefore comfort one another
with these words.***

Lo! I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all sleep,

**but we shall all be changed,
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 shall be changed.

***Thanks be to God,
who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.***