

Questions About Cremation

Yesterday you spoke that the dead will rise but for those who were cremated, will their souls rise?

How will they rise do you think?

Thanks

Answer:

That's a very thoughtful and important question — and one many people wonder about, especially in our time when cremation is increasingly common. Let's explore it from a biblical perspective.

Question: If someone is cremated, will their soul rise? How will they rise?

Short Answer: Yes, absolutely — those who have been cremated will still rise in the resurrection.

1. Cremation Doesn't Limit God's Power

God is **not limited by the condition of the body** at death — whether it's been cremated, buried, lost at sea, decayed, or destroyed. The **resurrection is based on God's creative power**, not on what remains of a person's physical body.

“And He will send His angels... and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” — *Matthew 24:31*

“The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them...” — *Revelation 20:13*

Even if there's **nothing left of the body**, God remembers the full identity of every person — their DNA, personality, soul, and spirit. Resurrection is **a divine re-creation**, not a repair job.

2. What Will Rise — Body or Soul?

In Scripture:

- The **“soul”** refers to the **whole living person** — not a disembodied ghost.

- When a person dies, they “sleep” (John 11:11-14), and at the resurrection, God restores both **body and breath of life**, making them a living soul again (Genesis 2:7 in reverse).

So it’s not just a “soul” rising — it is the **whole person** being raised **with a new, glorified body**.

“So also is the resurrection of the dead... It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.” — 1 Corinthians 15:42-44

3. Cremation in Light of Scripture

- The Bible **doesn’t condemn cremation**, nor does it say it prevents resurrection.
- Many early Christians were **burned at the stake**, died in persecution, or were eaten by animals — yet they too will rise when Christ returns.

So whether buried or cremated, **what matters is being “in Christ.”** The same God who **spoke the universe into existence** will raise His people — regardless of what happened to their physical remains.

Final Encouragement

If your loved ones were cremated, **trust in the promise: “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout... and the dead in Christ will rise first.” — 1 Thessalonians 4:16**

God’s resurrection power is not limited by ashes or atoms. **He will make all things new — including you.**