

# The Resurrection of the Dead

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- **Hebrews 6:2**, “... the resurrection of the dead...”
- The word “Resurrection” is a word that is only used in the New Testament
  - o Greek- “A standing up again; raised to life again; rise from the dead”
- Universal resurrection of the righteous and wicked- **John 5:28-29; Acts 23:6; 24:15-16**
  - o All will be raised, but not at the same time- humans are eternal beings
- Heb. 9:27, “Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.”

**Heb. 4:13**, “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

- Jesus resurrected people from the dead during His ministry, most notably Lazarus
- **Please Read: John 11:23-27**
- Today and as it was during Jesus’ time, some don’t believe in the resurrection
  - o **Mt. 22:23-32; 27:62-66; 28:12-15; Acts 17:29-33**
- But the resurrection of Jesus is at the heart of Christianity- **Acts 26:8, 23**

## Jesus Raised from the Dead

**Luke 24:7**, “The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.” Mt. 17:23; 20:19; Jn. 2:18-22; 21:14

- **Please Read: Acts 2:22-41; 13:26-39**
- Jesus destroyed the devil who had the power of death- Heb. 2:14-15; Rev. 1:18
  - o The resurrection of the dead removes the fear of death- Php. 1:20-26; Ro. 8:37-39
- **Please Read: 1 Corinthians Chapter 15** *Life Triumphs over death*
- There would be no salvation, if Jesus was not resurrected- vs 17; Acts 4:5-12; Ro. 4:25
- We are saved by believing in the resurrection- Ro. 10:9; 1 Pet. 3:21; Acts 5:30; 10:40
- Ro. 8:34, more than Calvary was the resurrection and seating at God’s right hand
- I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection- Php. 3:10-11; Ro. 8:11

## Spiritual Resurrection – New Birth

- Jesus, the first Born from the dead – the first one to be born again under the New Cov.
  - o **Ro. 8:29; Col. 1:15, 18; Heb. 12:23; Rev. 1:5**
- **Please Read: Ro. 6:1-14; 2 Cor. 5:16-17**
  - o Baptism with Jesus, dead to sin and resurrected unto a new creation
- New birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus- **1 Peter 1:3-4**

## The Judgment Seat of Christ

- Only God's covenant children will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ
- This is not to determine our salvation, but to be rebuked, commended and rewarded
- **Please Read: 2 Cor. 5:1-12**
- We all give an account of ourselves to God- **Ro. 14:10-12; 1Cor 11:31;2Cor. 7:2;1Tim 1:5**

## Building on the Foundation

- **Please Read: 1 Cor. 3:1-15**
  - o The Foundation is the New Birth- we all start at the same level
  - o Build on that foundation using: Gold, Silver & Costly Stones- Faith, Hope and Love
- **Luke 19:11-27** (10 Minas)- each one received the same measure to start/work with
  - o At the new birth each one received the same measure of faith (Rom. 12:3)
- **Mt. 25:14-30**- different amount of talents (1 Cor. 15:10)- varying grace for ministry
  - o Unlike the measure of faith, the amount of grace is different for each one
    - We're responsible to increase our initial measure of Faith- Mina
    - We're responsible to be faithful with the grace deposit- Talent
  - o **Ro. 12: 4-8; 1 Cor. 12:27-31; Eph. 4:11-12; 1 Pet. 4:10-11**

## The Prize

**1 Tim 4:8**, "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."

- **Please Read: 1 Cor. 9:24-27; 2 Tim. 2:1-7**
- Straining toward what is ahead; pressing toward the goal- the prize! **Php. 3:13-14**
- **Revelation 2-3**: rewards for faithfulness and endurance – overcomers!

## Living for Eternity

**1 Cor. 15:32**, "If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus for merely human reasons, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

- Compared to eternity, life is a brief mist- **Jas. 4:14**. Meaning of life- **Jn.3:36; Ac. 17:24-34**
- Once saved, the meaning of life is to obey God- **Isaiah 1:19**- Obedience and Faithfulness
- This world is passing away- living as aliens and strangers- **1 Cor. 7:31; 1 Pet. 2:11**
- Making the most of every opportunity- **Eph. 5:16; 1 Th. 5:17; 2 Tim 4:6-8; 1 Pet. 4:17**
- 2 Cor. 5:11, "*Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men.*"
- The fear of the Lord, keeps us from evil- **Ps. 34:11-16; Pr. 16:6; Act 9:31; 1 Jn. 3:2-3**
- Don't be a stumbling block- **Ro. 14:13; 1 Cor. 8:9; 10:32; 2 Cor. 6:3**
- We brought nothing into this world, but we can take souls with us- **1 Tim. 6:6-7**

## Rapture of the Church

The word 'Rapture' does not appear in the Bible, but it represents an event when at a certain time in the future something very wonderful, epic and awe inspiring will take place.

- There are four resurrections that I see in the New Testament
- 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection- Jesus - John 20
- 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection- Church - 1 Th. 4:13-18; 2 Tim 2:18
- 3<sup>rd</sup> resurrection- Tribulation Saints - Rev. 20:4-6; John 6:39-44, 54
- 4<sup>th</sup> resurrection- Unrighteous dead- Great White Throne – Rev. 20:11-15

In this section we are focusing on the resurrection of our physical bodies when the church is caught up into heaven when this dispensation ends and Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week begins- **Mt. 24:14**.

- Three views: **pre-tribulation**, mid-tribulation and post-tribulation
- Tribulation period is for sinners not saints-**Gen.18:23, 25;1Th. 1:10; 5:9; Rev. 3:10; 18:20**
- The Coming of the Lord - day and hour is unknown- **1 Th. 4:13-18; Jas. 5:7-8**
- The Church is currently holding back the Anti-Christ- 2 Th. 2:7-8
- 1 Cor. 6:14, *"By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also."*
- Jesus is the first one to receive a resurrected body- **1 Cor. 15:20-28**
- Glorified bodies that will be just like Jesus'; will never die- flesh and bone **Lk. 24:37-39**
  - o **Ro. 8:18; 1 Cor. 15:35-54; 2 Cor. 4:13-14; Php. 3:20-21**
- Eternal glorified bodies that can never die, unlimited travel- fly, outer space, oceans etc.
- Col. 1:27, *"...Christ in you the hope of glory"*

Christians in every generation hoped that they would be part of that generation that would never taste of physical death, but be changed in an instant and meet the Lord in the air.

## The Day of the Lord

The phraseology "The Coming of the Lord", speaks of the catching away "Rapture" of the Church. The "Day of the Lord" speaks of His Second Advent and beginning of the Millennium.

- According to 2 Pet. 3:8, a day with the Lord is as or like 1000 years
- The day and hour not know- **Mt. 24:15-51; 1 Th. 5:1-3, 9-11; 2 Th. 2:1-2; Rev. 19:11-21**
- The Second Coming of Jesus will usher in His Millennial reign
- Rom 9:28, *"For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality."*
- Adam's lease of 6 days and on the 7<sup>th</sup> day Jesus will rule the earth for 1,000 years
  - o The 7 days in the Genesis account equating to 7,000 years = full circle
- God will make everything new and we will enter into the endless age- Rev. 21