

“The Forgotten Fundamentals: Resurrection”

Selected Scriptures

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1. Resurrection Is God's Ideal for Humanity.

“We ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body...For whom God foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified” (Romans 8:23, 29-30)

“The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage; for neither can they die anymore, for they are like the angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection” (Luke 20:34-36)

2. The Gospel Is about Resurrection.

“he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection” (Acts 17:18)

“if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins” (1 Corinthians 15:17)

3. Every Person Will Be Resurrected by Jesus.

“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies” (John 11:25)

“I will raise [them] up on the last day” (John 6:39)

“I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades” (Revelation 1:17-18)

“And many of those who sleep [die] in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt” (Daniel 12:2)

“there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked” (Acts 24:15)

“And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus...and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead [unbelievers] did not come to life until the thousand years were completed...And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds” (Revelation 20:4-5, 13)

“an hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His [Jesus'] voice, and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment” (John 5:28-29)

4. At Death, Before Resurrection, Believers Are Disembodied Souls/Spirits.

"Father, into your hands I commit My spirit" (Luke 23:46)

"Man goes to his eternal home and mourners go about the streets. Remember him...before the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it" (Ecclesiastes 12:5-7)

"And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit' " (Acts 7:59)

"I saw underneath the altar [in heaven] the souls of those who had been murdered because of the word of God...and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on the earth-dwellers?' And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer..." (Revelation 6:9-11)

"the spirits of just men made perfect" (Hebrews 12:23)

5. Christ Is the Model of Resurrection.

"We know that when He appears, we shall be like Him" (1 John 3:2)

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 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" (Philippians 3:20-21)

6. Resurrection Occurs in Sequence.

"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that, those..." (1 Corinthians 15:22-23)

- a. Christ (on the third day)
- b. Jerusalem saints (on Easter; Matthew 27:52-53)
- c. Dead saints (at the Rapture, before the Tribulation; 1 Thessalonians 4; John 14:2-3)
- d. The living Church (at the Rapture, before the Tribulation; 1 Thessalonians 4; John 14:2-3)
- e. The 2 witnesses (during the Tribulation; Revelation 11:3-12)
- f. Tribulation saints (after the Tribulation, before the Millennium; Revelation 6; 20:4-5)
- g. The Antichrist & False Prophet (at Christ's Second Coming, after the Tribulation, before the Millennium; Revelation 19:19-21)
- h. The wicked of all the ages (after the Millennium at the Great White Throne Judgment; Revelation 20:5a, 7-15)

7. Jesus' Resurrection Guarantees Our Own!

"because I live, you also shall live" (John 14:19)

"He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said" (Matthew 28:6)

"Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57)