

## The Resurrection of the Dead

### There are two basic resurrections

John 5:25, 28-29

<sup>25</sup> *Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.*

<sup>28</sup> *Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice* <sup>29</sup> *and come forth— those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.*

### Christ and the Resurrection – He is...

#### **The Proof**

I Cor. 15:20-22

<sup>20</sup> *But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.* <sup>21</sup> *For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.*

<sup>22</sup> *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.*

#### **The Pattern**

Phil. 3:20, 21 - <sup>20</sup> *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,* <sup>21</sup> *who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*

See also I Cor. 15:49, I John 3:2

#### ➤ Characteristics of Jesus' resurrected body:

- Could be touched - Luke 24:39
- Appeared suddenly in a room - John 20:19
- Ate food - John 21:15
- Defied gravity – Acts 1:9

#### **The Person**

John 11:25,26 - <sup>25</sup> *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.* <sup>26</sup> *And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”*

### The Order of the Resurrection

I Cor. 15:23-24 - <sup>23</sup> *But each one in his own order:*

1. *“Christ the firstfruits,”*
2. *“afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.”*
  - I Thess. 4:16-17
3. <sup>24</sup> *“Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.”*
  - Unbelievers – at the final judgment, after the 1,000 year reign on the earth (Rev. 20:7-12)

### Where are the dead right now?

- A. The *spirits* of believers are with the Lord in heaven (2 Cor. 5:6-8)
- B. The *spirits* of unbelievers are in a place of torment called Hades (Luke 16:23)
  - Both of these are places of conscious blessing or suffering
  - Both will be reunited with their bodies at the resurrection

## The Meaning of the Resurrection

1. Proof of Christ's Deity and our salvation
  - Rom. 1:4 - *declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead*
  - Rom. 4:24,25 - <sup>24</sup> *God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God. (NLT)*
  
2. It is our ultimate hope

1 Cor. 15:42-44  
<sup>42</sup> *So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.*
  
3. It reveals a proper theology of the body
  - 2 Cor. 5:10 - *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*
  - 1 Cor. 6:13-15 - <sup>13</sup> *Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!*
  - Many today embrace a form of Gnosticism
  - This denies both the Incarnation and the Atonement
  
4. We must have a spiritual resurrection now to experience a physical resurrection then.
  - John 5:25 - *Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.*
  - Phil. 3:10 – *“that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection...”*
    - Eph. 2:4-6 - <sup>4</sup> *But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus*
  - Since the greatest enemy, death, has already been defeated (I Cor. 15:54), we should live now in victory in every area!
  - Eph. 5:14 - *Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.”*
  - 1 Cor. 15:34 - *Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame*