

# *The Resurrections of The Just & The Unjust*

## **In Christ only have we hope of life everlasting.**

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

1Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13) But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: 14) And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. ... 17) And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18) Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

## **All have sinned, all will die. (Except those righteous who remain alive till Christ comes)**

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

## **Because of Christ, all shall be made alive.**

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

## **Christ is the firstfruits of the resurrection, not the first to be resurrected, but first in pre-eminence.**

1Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. . . 23) But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming.

## **Christ was victorious over sin and death and has been given the power to give life to all who believe.**

Revelation 1:18 I am He that liveth, and was dead...and have the keys of hell and of death.

## **The scriptures teach of two resurrections,**

- 1) the resurrection of life,
- 2) the resurrection of damnation

## **Regarding both the resurrection of life and the resurrection of damnation:**

John 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. . . 28) Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, 29) And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Acts 24:15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

## **When is the resurrection of the righteous? At the coming of Christ.**

Matthew 24:30, 31 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the

clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

1Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring lead with Him. 15) For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not ~~prevent~~ precede them which are asleep. 16) For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18) Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Corinthians 15:51, 52 Behold, I shew 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 trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

#### **When is the coming of Christ?**

John 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which He hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40) And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. . . 44) No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. 54) Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

#### **The righteous are recompensed at the resurrection of the just.**

Luke 14:14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

#### **The righteous have been judged, and have been found worthy of eternal life. They receive their reward with praise on their lips.**

Isaiah 25:9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

#### **The righteous put on immortality, their bodies have been changed and now they shall never die.**

Luke 20:36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

#### **The righteous will be clothed with the same glorified body of their Saviour.**

Philippians 3:20, 21 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned

like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.

Psalm 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

What does the Bible say regarding the resurrection of the righteous? They are resurrected at Christ's coming and reign with Him during the 1000 years. Therefore they are resurrected at the beginning of the 1000 years. We will see that the wicked are resurrected at the end of the millennium.

Revelation 20:5b This is the first resurrection.

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

### **What happens to the wicked at Christ's coming?**

Revelation 6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16) And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

2Thessalonians 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8) In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9) Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power;

Isaiah 13:9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

Isaiah 26:21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Isaiah 66:16 For by fire and by His sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

Jeremiah 25:33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

Matthew 24:27, 28 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Job 21:28-32 For ye say, Where is the house of the prince? and where are the dwelling places of the wicked? Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens, That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth

to the day of wrath. Who shall declare his way to His face? and who shall repay Him what he hath done? Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

**When are the wicked resurrected? At the end of the 1000 years.**

Revelation 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. After the wicked are judged, they suffer the second death which is the everlasting punishment of the wicked.

Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

We have discovered that there are two resurrections. The righteous are resurrected at the beginning of the 1000 years, and the wicked at the end of the 1000 years.

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Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Psalms 37:20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

Matthew 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Malachi 4:1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. ... 3) And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

What does the Bible mean by they “shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever”? Remember that when we are speaking of mortal man, Satan and his angels who are mortal as well, that the term for ever means until they reach the end of their mortal life. When we speak of God and for ever, it is in the truest sense of the word—eternal, never ending for God is not subject to death but is immortal! The destruction of the wicked is forever, not the destroying of the wicked.

Isaiah 1:28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

2 Thessalonians 1:9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Psalms 52:5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, He shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah

Ezekiel 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. 18) Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. 19) All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

**Satan is destroyed and never shall be anymore, but what about the wicked?**

Psalms 37:10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

Psalms 104:35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

Obadiah 16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

**It is then that it can be said that there will be no more death, only life and life everlasting.**

Revelation 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Isaiah 25:8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

1 Corinthians 15:26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

**Death and the grave (hell) shall be no more.**

Revelation 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

1 Corinthians 15:54b, 55 then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

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