

Preface

1. Today we celebrate the Who, when, where, how and result of the resurrection.

WHO – Jesus Christ the Son of God and Jewish Messiah

Joh 4:25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

Joh 4:26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

Joh 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

Joh 9:36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

Joh 9:37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

Joh 9:38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

WHEN – On Sunday, the last day of Passion Week

WHERE – Outside the city of Jerusalem on a hill called Golgotha

HOW – God the Father and God the Holy Spirit by their sovereign power

Col 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

1Th 1:9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

1Th 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

WHY - Because of the depravity of man, and there was no other way

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Gal 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

RESULT - Heavenly home for all believers - eternal life

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Joh 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1Th 4:16 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:

1Th 4:17 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.

1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Joh 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:

Joh 11:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Joh 11:27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

Introduction

1. In general there are two returns from the dead. The two are: resuscitation and Resurrection.

1.1 Resuscitation, as used in this doctrine, is a coming back from the dead to ultimately participate in either the First or Second Resurrections.

1.2 Two examples of resuscitation are Paul at Lystra while on his first missionary journey (Acts 14:19-20 compared with 2 Co 12:1-5) and the resuscitation of Lazarus. (Joh 11:11-45)

Acts 14:19 And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

Acts 14:20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

2Co 12:1 I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord.

2Co 12:2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know--God knows.

2Co 12:3 And I know that this man--whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows--

2Co 12:4 was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell.

2Co 12:5 I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses.

1.2.1 Let me read you what H. A. Ironside has written concerning Paul's stoning at Lystra and the possible nexus of Acts 14:19 and 1Co 12:1-5.

"And so this is apparently the end of Paul's ministry. They dragged that seemingly lifeless body out of the city and threw it on the refuse heap. Let the jackals devour it. They were done with Paul. But God was not done with him. I like to think this is the very time Paul had the experience of which he speaks in the second Epistle to the Corinthians (12:2-4): '... I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven ... caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.'

"I believe at that very moment they thrust Paul's body away, the real Paul—the man who lived inside that body—was in the third heaven. God said, as it were, 'I want to show you what I have in store for you.' Up there Paul did not know whether he was in the body or not. If in his body, he did not know it; if out of his body, he did not miss it.

"He was in paradise and heard unspeakable things which it is not lawful for a man to utter. How long he was there we do not know. We do read that as the body lay there the disciples stood round about, evidently making plans for the funeral, probably with tears streaming down, saying 'What shall we do? We shall have to lay his poor broken body away. "But he suddenly rose up! I should have liked to have seen that.'"

2. Jesus comes to the aid of the two sisters of Lazarus.

Joh 11:32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother Lazarus would not have died."

Joh 11:33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

Joh 11:34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied.

Joh 11:35 Jesus wept.

Joh 11:36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

Joh 11:37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Joh 11:38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

Joh 11:39 "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

Joh 11:40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

Joh 11:41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me ...

Joh 11:43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

Joh 11:44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

Joh 11:45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

The Resurrections

1. The Resurrection, as it relates to Christ and his followers, is that point in time where a new body is received and death is no more. There are four such Resurrections in this classification and these four make up what is known as the First Resurrection. The Resurrection of unbelievers is called the Second Resurrection.

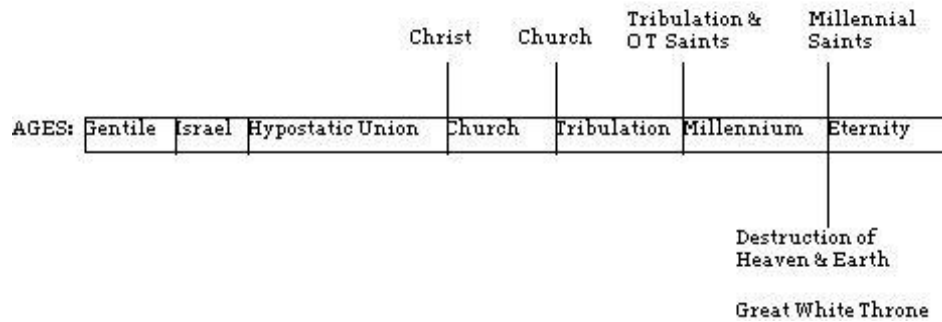
2. The four Resurrections for the believer are: Christ on the first Easter; believers at the Rapture; Old Testament saints and Tribulation martyrs at the Second Advent and millennial saints at end of the Millennium.

3. The Resurrection as it relates to the unbeliever occurs at the Great White Throne where unbelievers are resurrected to receive a body capable of everlasting punishment in a place designed for the Devil and his demons. Mat 25:41.

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

3.1 Let's review the "Order of the Resurrections" chart.

ORDER OF THE RESURRECTIONS



3.2 The Resurrection is one of the very basic doctrines of Christianity and must be understood for spiritual growth.

Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Heb 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

4. The Resurrection of believers is part of the good news of the gospel.

1Co 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the good news which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand ...

1Co 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

1Co 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5. The importance of the Resurrection is emphasized by Paul in his first letter to Corinth.

1Co 15:12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

1Co 15:13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

1Co 15:14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

1Co 15:15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

1Co 15:16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

1Co 15:17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

6. The Resurrection of Jesus is part of the strategic victory in the angelic conflict.

1Co 15:20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1Co 15:21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1Co 15:23 But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

1Co 15:24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

1Co 15:25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

7. The Resurrection is a direct result of perfect justification.

Rom 4:25 "Who Jesus, was delivered for our offenses, and was raised because of our justification."

Joh 11:24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Joh 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:

Joh 11:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

8. The agents of the Resurrection are two:

8.1 God the Father -

Col 2:12 "Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, Who hath raised Him from the dead."

1Th 1:10 "And to wait for His Son from Heaven, Whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, who delivered us from the wrath to come."

1Pe 1:21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

8.2 God the Holy Spirit -

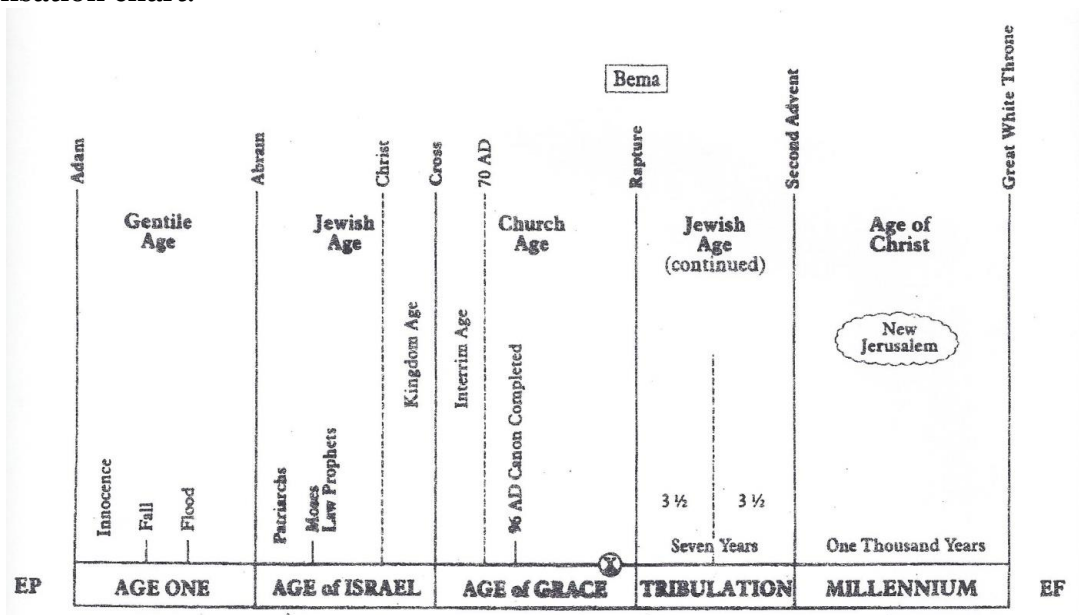
Rom 8:11 " But if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit Who dwells in you. "

1Pe 3:18 "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Spirit:

9. The Resurrection of Christ is the basis for our confidence ecstatic happiness in eternity future.

1Pe 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
 1Pe 1:4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you,
 1Pe 1:5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

10. As earlier noted, there are two general types of Resurrections. They are called the First and the Second Resurrections. Let's see how the Resurrections fit on our regular dispensation chart.



10.1 Believers

- Gentile and Jewish Age

Dan 12:2 "And many of them but not all of them who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life at one point in time and some to shame and everlasting contempt at another point in time."

- Kingdom Age

Joh 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

Joh 5:25 I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

Joh 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.

Joh 5:27 And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

Joh 5:28 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice

Joh 5:29 and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those (at another time) who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

- Church Age

1Co 15:20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1Co 15:21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

10.2 Unbelievers -- The Second Resurrection is only for unbelievers.

Rev 20:4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge ... They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Rev 20:5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended ...

Rev. 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 1000 years ...

Rev 20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

Rev 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

11. The Resurrection of believers occurs in four **Taxis** or battalions.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1Co 15:23 But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

1Co 15:24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

1Co 15:25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

11.1 The First Battalion - Jesus Christ,

1Co 15:20 "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."

Acts 2:31 Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay.

Acts 2:32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

Acts 2:33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

Acts 2:34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand

11.2 Second Battalion - the Royal Family of God at the Rapture.

1Co 15:51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--

1Co 15:52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

Phi 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Phi 3:21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

1Th 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.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1Th 4:15 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 them which are asleep.

1Th 4:16 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:

1Th 4:17 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.

1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

11.3 Third Battalion - The Resurrection of Old Testament and some Kingdom Age saints and believers of the Tribulation. They are resurrected at the Second Advent and receive a unique body capable of procreation and enjoyment of perfect environment.

Isa 26:19 But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead.

Dan 12:13 "As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance."

11.4 The Fourth Battalion - All saints of the millennial period will get their Resurrection bodies at the end of the Millennium.

12. Summary

12.1 There is a First Resurrection – a Resurrection to life. There are a number of passages which teach this distinctive part of the Resurrection program.

Luk 14:13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,
Luk 14:14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Joh 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
Joh 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life ...

Rev 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 1000 years.

12.2 Unfortunately there is a Second Resurrection –a Resurrection to judgment where we find unbelievers unchanged and in a place of torment, awaiting a future judgment and sentence to a permanent place of torment. They are judged according to their works. Why works? Because the payment for sin has been made.

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13. The "dead" referred to in Rev 20:12 can only be those who were left behind for judgment and eternal damnation.

14. Now it is time to celebrate the Resurrection with the Lord's Table.

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