

# XXII. Of the Resurrection

I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was bodily resurrected on the third day as the Scriptures plainly state. That this resurrection was not only for our justification, but also as the firstfruits of the resurrection to come; in which the body of the believer will be changed from sinful flesh to a sinless body so that the believer will be righteous as Christ is righteous, and be forever sealed in that righteousness. I believe that upon Christ's return prior to the Great Tribulation, those who are dead in Christ will rise first, then those who are alive in Christ will be caught up, having their bodies changed in an instant to be like unto Christ's glorious body, to be forever with the Lord.

I believe that the wicked will also be resurrected at the last resurrection so that they may stand before the Lord Jesus Christ in judgement, not for their destiny, but so they may assuredly know that they are justly condemned to the Lake of Fire for all eternity. In this resurrection, their souls will be called out of Hell and united with their bodies called out of the grave to stand in condemnation in the court of the Lord at the great white throne of judgement.

## References

*Matthew 28:5-10; Luke 24:3-7; Luke 24:36-39; John 20:26-28; Romans 4:23-25; Matthew 27:50-53; I Corinthians 15:20-23; I Corinthians 15:3-6; Acts 1:9-11; Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; John 14:3; Matthew 25:13; I Thessalonians 4:13-17; I Corinthians 15:42-44; I Corinthians 15:51-53; Philippians 3:20-21; Daniel 12:1-3; John 5:28-29; John 5:21-23; John 12:48; John 3:17-18; Revelation 20:12-15.*

## Scriptures:

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye:

for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. (*Matthew 28:5-10*)

And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. (*Luke 24:3-7*)

And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. (*Luke 24:36-39*)

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. (*John 20:26-28*)

Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed

to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. (*Romans 4:23-25*)

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. (*Matthew 27:50-53*)

But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. (*I Corinthians 15:20-23*)

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. (*I Corinthians 15:3-6*)

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. (*Acts 1:9-11*)

And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. (*Luke 24:51*)

So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. (*Mark 16:19*)

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. (*John 14:3*)

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. (*Matthew 25:13*)

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. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 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. 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: 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. (*I Thessalonians 4:13-17*)

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. (*I Corinthians 15:42-44*)

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. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal

must put on immortality. (*I Corinthians 15:51-53*)

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. (*Philippians 3:20-21*)

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. (*Daniel 12:1-3*)

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 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. (*John 5:28-29*)

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. (*John 5:21-23*)

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. (*John 12:48*)

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 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. (*John 3:17-18*)

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. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. (*Revelation 20:12-15*)