

The Mystery Of The Resurrection

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1Cor. 15:12-13

- “Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.”

There Will Be A Resurrection

- Jesus taught there will be a resurrection
 - John 5:28-29 - “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”

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- John 6:39-40, 44, 54 - “This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day... 44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day... 54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

There Will Be A Resurrection

- Peter and John
 - Acts 4:1-2 - “Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead”

There Will Be A Resurrection

- Paul
 - Acts 23:6 - “But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, ‘Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!’”
 - Acts 24:15 - “I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.”

There Will Be A Resurrection

- It is inevitable
 - 1Cor. 15:12-23
- It is a source of comfort
 - 1Thes. 4:16-18 - “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

The Power Behind The Resurrection

- Matt. 22:29 - “Jesus answered and said to them, You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.”
- 1Cor. 6:14 - “And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power”
- 2Cor. 4:14 - “Knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.”

The Resurrection Will Be Universal

- John 5:28-29 - “...*all* *who are in the graves will hear His voice* **29** *and come forth--**those who have done good*, to the resurrection of life, and *those who have done evil*, to the resurrection of condemnation.”
- Acts 24:15 - “There will be a resurrection of the dead, *both of the just and the unjust*”
- 1Cor. 15:21-22 - “For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam *all die*, even so in Christ *all shall be made alive*.”

This Is Nothing New

- Job 19:25-26 - “For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; 26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God”
- Daniel 12:1-3 - “At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.”

The Day Of Resurrection

- Jesus said it will be the last day
 - John 6:39-40, 44, 54
- Paul said it will be when the Lord has defeated all enemies including death
 - 1Cor. 15:24-26 - “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. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.”

The Day Of Resurrection

- John makes it clear that no one will avoid it
 - Rev. 20:11-15 - “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Our Form In The Resurrection

- 1Cor. 15:35-41 - “But someone will say, How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come? 36 Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. 37 And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain--perhaps wheat or some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory.”

Our Form In The Resurrection

- 1Cor. 15:42-49 - “So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. 43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam became a living being. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.”

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- This change will occur instantly
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Our Form In The Resurrection

- We eagerly wait for this transformation
 - Phil. 3:20-21 - “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 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.”

Are You Ready For The Resurrection?

- 1Cor. 15:55-58 - “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”