

THE FIRST RESURRECTION (Consists of five Resurrections of the SAVED)

I. JESUS CHRIST The head of the church the firstborn from the dead.

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

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

1Co 15:21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

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

1Co 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

THE O.T. SAINTS at the crucifixion that came out of the tombs after Jesus resurrected. This resurrection is questionable as to whether it is part of the first resurrection of the saved, but is included for thoroughness. These dead could have been raised as Lazarus who died again, or it is possible that they were raised with glorified bodies. We are not told anymore of them. However, the reason I am including them is because it states that they raised after Jesus resurrected rather than before. Also the fact that the old testament saints are not part of the bride of Christ is reason to doubt that they are included in the first resurrection at this time, since the bride of Christ would be taken to heaven in the rapture and returned to the earth to the wedding feast where the resurrected old testament saints and the resurrected tribulation saints would take part in the wedding feast as the friends of the groom. Paul speaks of a specific day that he and those looking for His coming will receive the "crown of righteousness" 2 Timothy 4:8. "on that day" coincides with the rapture of the church as being one event. If the Old Testament Saints were raised in glorified bodies back then, were are they now since they would have been eternal? (Probably died like Lazarus)

Mat 27:51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

Mat 27:52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

Mat 27:53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

II. THE CHURCH/ THE BRIDE OF CHRIST- at the RAPTURE (only time in scripture where dead & living believers are taken up together)

1Th 4:13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

1Th 4:15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

1Th 4:16 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.*

1Th 4:17 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.

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

1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, *but we shall all be changed—*

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

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

III. TWO WITNESSES during the Tribulation Period

Rev 11:11-12 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

IV. OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS at end of the tribulation period

Dan 12:1 "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.

Dan 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

V. TRIBULATION SAINTS at the end of the tribulation period

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; *and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

Rev 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

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 a thousand years.

THE LAST RESURRECTION-THE SECOND DEATH (The Resurrection of the LOST) at the end of the Millennial Reign of Christ.

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 a thousand years. Rev 20:11-15 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. 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 *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. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. *This is the second death.* 15 *And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*