

Resurrection of the Dead 2024 (Part 3)

This is a description of what will happen to us at the resurrection of the just (righteous). We will be changed: from mortal to immortality, from corruptible to incorruption, from earthy to heavenly, from the first man Adam, a living soul, to the last Adam - Jesus Christ a quickening spirit... from a natural body to a spiritual body, from weakness to power, from dishonor to glory.

Php 3:7-15 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. (8) Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ (9) and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

(10) that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, (11) if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. (12) Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

(13) Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, (14) I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (15) Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

Winning Christ is the goal of every true Christian. Everything else is loss and considered dung in comparison to knowing Jesus Christ, being found with the righteousness of God by faith in Jesus Christ, knowing Him and the power of His resurrection, the fellowship of His sufferings, and being made conformable to His death, or the high calling of God in Christ Jesus – perfection! Halelu Yah!

2Co 5:1-10 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (2) For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, (3) if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.

(4) For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. (5) Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. (6) So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. (7) For we walk by faith, not by sight. (8) We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

(9) Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. (10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

The earthly house is referring to our mortal body. The building God made without hands is our glorified body that He is already prepared for us, the eternal one in the heavens. The one thing we long for is being out of this body, to obtain “...a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city” (Hebrews 11:16).

Many times in the Old Covenant the word “naked” was associated with shame. Paul says we don’t want to be found naked when the time comes to be clothed. In others we want to be found accepted by Him when we are to be clothed from heaven. We don’t just want to get rid of this body, we want to be clothed in that eternal body which comes from heaven that will swallow up this earthly body.

This aforementioned scripture speak of the resurrection, translation, change that we look forward to in the day of Christ Jesus.

-Addendum to Resurrection of the Dead-

If you could say Jesus had a weakness, what would it be?

Turn to Matthew 26...

(Mat 26:41) Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Jesus flesh, his body, was just like ours in every way. Scriptures tell us He was tempted in every manner, yet He was found without sin (Heb. 4:15). He sweated like us, hungered like us, and thirsted like us. His body had daily needs as our body has daily needs. So, if we could say he was weak in any area, it was His flesh, but His Spirit was willing.

The Spirit of God in Him was what made Him strong. The Spirit enabled Him to overcome the temptations that His flesh experienced. It enabled Him to never sin because He walked completely and totally dependent upon the Spirit of God to do what God wanted Him to do.

(Joh 12:24) Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

One of the things I have said before is that we can't do anything for God until we die first. Our will or our self has to be put to death - denied. It has to go under so that we can be born again in the Spirit to do that which God wants us to do and enables us to do by His Spirit.

(Rom 8:3) For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

Even though the law was perfect, it could not justify us. The problem wasn't the law, but the flesh being incapable of fulfilling the perfect law. The problem was sin, or more specifically sin in the flesh (Romans 7:17,18).

God dealt with that. He sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh so that all of the sins of the world would be put upon Him and He would pay the penalty for us. Sin was imparted to the one who was found without sin. Therefore, sin was condemned in the body of His flesh (Romans 8:3). God had to do something with sin because the law said the penalty of that sin was death. Jesus paid the penalty in the body of his death.

The principles of the doctrine of Christ (the Bible) is a set of elementary basic principles (unified story that leads to Jesus) that lead to one of two eternal outcomes.

Eph 2:1-6 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, (2) in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, (3) among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

*(4) But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, (5) even when we **were dead** in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), (6) and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*

We must realize that before we came to God, we were dead! Spiritually, we were dead. In God's eyes we were considered dead. We were separated from God. We did not live according to the Spirit and could not even if we tried our very best. Our communication with Him was dead. Our fellowship with Him was dead. Our intimacy with Him was dead.

So, what happens when we get baptized? Our old man and our old life, the factory of sin that does nothing but produce sin, is put to death. Paul said you **were** dead, but he also said we have been quickened – we have been raised up and made alive in Him.

Paul received the revelation that Christ that lived in him. It is the only reason that he could speak and do all the things he did because he had been quickened in Christ and lived solely for Him. So, while we were dead, we walked according to the world. In God's eyes, we are dead if we are serving Satan. To be spiritually dead is to do according to the spirit that works in the children of disobedience. It's not talking about physical death, but a spiritual death – a separation from the only thing that can ever give us life – God. God is eternal life. Separate and apart from Him, we are walking as dead men serving a lying spirit.

We must understand that at one point in our lives even though we were dead in our sins, while we were sinners, Christ died for us that we may have abundant life in Him. The whole purpose to be born again is to reestablish the communion, the communication, the fellowship, the intimacy that man initially had with God which was lost in Eden through the fall. When that takes place, then we can begin to learn to serve God in Jesus Christ again.

He has (past tense) raised us up (he has already done it) together with Him and made us sit together in heavenly places with Him on His throne. If Christ Jesus is seated above all powers, rulers, principalities, and wicked spirits in high places, then where are we seated? We are seated above all powers, rulers, principalities, and wicked spirits in high places. And yet when we go through our life, we worry about this and that and are preoccupied with this and that that we fail to consider what is the truth. Is what I am seeing truth or is what God had declared of me, that I'm born again true? I don't see myself sitting together with Christ Jesus, but that is what it says.

God give us a revelation of this that we may walk in it because when the storms and violent winds come our way, we will walk in victory. We will walk on the water as Peter did with Jesus. We will walk with smile on our face, without true worry in our heart because we know who we are and where we are in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The words written in the scriptures are not here so that we can entertain ourselves by reading a good book. They are written and shared to impart life to us. They are to impart the abundant life that He promised us. This is a present reality thing. This is not something to look forward to in the future. The resurrection of the dead is in the future, but there is a resurrection that gives life to our mortal body now and this resurrection life gives life to the corporate body of Christ. It is **the vital fruit bearing life of Christ in us.**

Col 2:11-14 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, (12) buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

(13) And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, (14) having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

In the Old Testament they cut the foreskin off – something done by hands. But God did something that could not be done by hands. It was not done by human hands. It was done spiritually by His Spirit, the hand of God. When you were baptized and you were raised, God did a circumcision without hands in circumcising your heart.

We were dead, but now we are alive! How did he raise us up to serve Him? By giving us His blessed Holy Spirit. He made us alive so that we can walk with Him and serve Him.

Handwriting of ordinances refers to the law. He took the law and nailed it to the cross. His body paid the penalty for our sins. He paid the price for us. He died so that we might live.

We were dead, but He substituted our death with His death and gave us His life. He did the work of salvation and we received salvation through faith by obeying the gospel. There is no need for us to die anymore for our sins. There isn't any reason for us to die day in and day out. We need to deny ourselves, but not die. He died for us.

Paul writes in one of his letters that he dies daily. You will hear different churches in different places that teach the need to "die daily". But they take that phrase and pull it out of its context. I am telling you today that according to Scripture we already died. We don't need to die again because we already died with Christ.

When Paul said I die daily he was saying that he placed his life on the line every single day for the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was whipped, imprisoned, shipwrecked, stoned to death, and in peril, by all manner of men. It wasn't because he was dying daily because of his sin or because he was so defeated because of sin in His life. Paul lived above that.

He had a revelation which God wants us to receive and walk in now. Rise above the old man because the old man is dead and buried. Walk in the newness of life to serve God with all our heart, without any baggage and without any burden of past deeds.

It says Christ suffered once and for all for sin. He died in our place and resolved the issue of sin in our lives. He suffered for our sins - the Just (meaning Him) suffered for the unjust (which was us).

Why did he do this? That He might reconcile us to God. God was in Jesus and was put to death in the flesh, but God didn't die, His flesh died. His humanity, what was in common with us, died. But the body of Jesus was quickened again by the Spirit of God and in three days that Spirit entered Him again and did something to that body and made it alive. We call it the quickening.

We have to realize that He suffered once – not twice, not three times for our sins. For us who are born again death is in the past. Baptism or burial is in the past. Resurrection in the Holy Spirit is past, because He did the work.

We obtained what He did for us by faith and obedience to His gospel. All that we wait for now concerning the resurrection is the finished product – the glorification of our mortal body – the manifest perfection of Jesus Christ in us.

We need to do realize that we are seated with Christ in heavenly places and as He is above these things so are we above these things. We do not have to worry and walk as the old man did.

But if we don't receive this revelation, we will continue to walk in sin. We will continue to think we inevitably must fail and so we expect failure. But if we have our mind renewed by the word of God to what His word is saying, we will realize we don't have to sin.

There is a resurrection life that we have the opportunity to experience and walk in now.

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also suffered once 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,

Here we see Peter saying the same thing Paul did. They never contradict each other because this is the Word of God, and the Word of God does not contradict itself. Ephesians and Colossians state that we were dead and we were raised. Peter confirmed Jesus died and was quickened by the Spirit. In like manner, we die once and are quickened by the Spirit.

*2Co 5:14-16 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: **that if One died for all, then all died;** (15) and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. (16) Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.*

Paul concludes that Jesus died once, for all men. Since that is true, then we're all dead in Him. Therefore, we NOW live for Him. This is the finality of this whole question.

We don't need to die daily anymore to our sin or to ourselves. We must consider ourselves dead because He died in our place. We are dead to sin (Romans 6:2,11). He died in our place for us, so that we don't need to die as He did. Some people don't realize this.

Previously, when we were dead God called us dead in our trespasses and our sin. The whole reason He died in our place was not so we could die too, but that we could live for Him. It's an exchange. He died, so we could live for Him. So, I don't know Him according to His flesh (His death) anymore. I know Him according to the eternal living Spirit that is living in me causing me to walk in His ways (His Life).

When God speaks to us, **He accommodates Himself to our thoughts and language.** Remember **He set forth the example for us.**

Joh 5:18-30 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only

broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

*(19) Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. (20) For the Father loves **the Son**, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.*

(21) For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

(22) For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, (23) that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

(24) "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

(25) Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. (26) For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, (27) and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

(28) 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.

(30) I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

For example, in Jonah 3:10, it says that God repented. Now, God doesn't make mistakes. Repent means to turn away as if you were doing something wrong to go do something right. Repent only means to change one's mind or turn away. So, how can God repent? He doesn't make mistakes, so why would He need to repent? So when it speaks to us that God repents, we understand that God turned from doing something He planned to do. However, we understand that in His infinite wisdom, He really didn't change His mind about anything.

He knows exactly what He will do and when He will do it. He has declared the end from the beginning. He has written it as it is going to happen. He didn't say, "Whoa, I'm going to erase it, let me rewrite this story." He didn't change in the middle and say "Whoa, I wasn't expecting this, let me change this around."

In Exodus 3:8, God says he came down to deliver the Israelites from the Egyptians. Well wait a second. God is omnipresent. He is everywhere. What do you mean He came down. God is simply accommodating Himself to our language for our understanding.

So when He is says the Son can do nothing unless He sees the Father doing it, He demonstrating His absolute dependency on God, but also that He was the faithful and true expression of the Father on earth. He would not do anything unless He saw the Father doing it and that shows you that who was living through Him? The Spirit of God Himself so that He could say what He said here.

The Father was living His life through Him. He was an example to us of how we should be dependent upon the Spirit of God. Jesus raised up Lazarus because He saw the Father doing – again accommodating Himself to our thoughts so we understand the Father was in Jesus raising up Lazarus from the dead.

When the Judgment comes, Jesus is going to be the one on the throne and everyone is going to see that Jesus Christ is Lord and people will see that He was/is God. God has made this manifestation the focal point – the way, the truth, the life to get to the Father. He made this express image of Himself the ONLY way to get to the Father – you can't get to the Father outside of Jesus Christ. You can't go around Jesus. You going around Jesus is like you jumping over the wall to get to the outer court and He calls you a thief and a robber because you didn't use the door (Jesus).

Who are the dead? The sinners. Those who were serving Satan, walking in the spirit of disobedience, that hear shall live. The dead are those that are separate and apart from God living after Satan. So He says that “**Now**” is the time.

This is happening today. We are not preaching the gospel in and of ourselves. Jesus is preaching Himself through us to others. When they hear, they live because those that hear Him become doers of the Word. When we come to Jesus we can receive the eternal life.

Jesus also talks about the future resurrection – resurrection of the dead where everyone will come out of where they are the just and the unjust in this passage.

Joh 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

Quickeneth means to give life. The importance of the Holy Spirit is all throughout the scriptures. This is not something that we should think of as, “Well, if God wants me to have it.” If we only realized the significance of having the Spirit... it is the Spirit that gives life... without the Spirit we are still dead. He doesn't want us to stay dead. He wants to give us His Spirit to give us His life.

These words of life that I now speak unto you are seeds being planted in your hearts. Depending upon on the soil of your heart they will either bring forth His fruit, be choked, or wither and die.

Rom 4:17 (as it is written, "I HAVE MADE YOU A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

He called forth things that were not as though they were in the Creation. He spoke things that were not. There was no light. He just spoke it and then it was. To Him all He needed to do was speak.

Rom 8:10-11 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (11) But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Remember in God's eyes being dead is serving Satan. To truly be alive is to serve God.

Mar 4:26-32 And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, (27) and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how.

(28) For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. (29) But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

(30) Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? (31) It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; (32) but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."

I read you this verse because it speaks of us receiving a revelation, like a seed planted in the ground. It comes into your heart and it takes time to grow. The person who sows this seed (remember this is a parable) doesn't know how the seed will grow. He just sleeps night and day. We don't have to know how it will happen.

I hope this teaching on "the resurrection now" I am planting as a seed in your heart. It will grow a little here and a little there. First the blade, then the ear and then after that the full corn of the ear.

We must be patient with the change that is coming to us... coming in us.

This idea of the resurrection, living an overcoming life from sin, a life seated in the heavenly places with Christ Jesus now, is likened unto the Kingdom of God.

Luk 17:21 nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

This seed, this revelation, is going to grow until it completely manifests for all people to see and taste of that fruit. They need to see that we are not just people that say we believe in Christ or a resurrected Christ. They need to see the ONE alive... they need to taste and see of Him and see for themselves that Jesus is... and He rewards all those that diligently seek His face.

This "resurrection life" now is more important than the other because it is applicable now. There is nothing I can do about the resurrection of the dead that is going to happen. This "resurrection life" now, if I allow God to do it in me, allows me to live this resurrected life now. We can all live this resurrected life now that will lead us to the resurrection of the dead!