

Introduction

1. Death was the separation of the body from soul & spirit.
 - A. Those who are saved.
 - 1) Eternal entrance with God forever.
 - B. Those who are lost.
 - 1) Eternal entrance separated from God forever.

1 Corinthians 15:35-50

The resurrection of Jesus Christ proves there will be a resurrection of the body (vs. 49).

1. When Jesus resurrected from the tomb, He wasn't some spiritual figure before them.

Luke 24:39

39 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.

A full description of the resurrection of the just – 1 Cor. 15:39-44.

Note God say nothing of the bodies of the damned.

The two resurrections

The First Resurrection – A passage that confuses us when we read it.

Revelation 20:5–6

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

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.

1. The first resurrection occurs in different intervals which includes.
 - A. Resurrection of
 - 1) Christ
 - 2) All who have believed in Christ.
 - 3) O.T. saints
 - 4) Tribulation saints

Christ the Firstfruits – 1 Cor. 15:20

1. O.T. offering of 1st fruits.
2. Jesus is the Firstfruits of the dead.
3. Jesus' resurrection was God's pledge that the rest of the harvest would come later.

John 14:19

19 because I live, ye shall live also.

The Saints at Christ Resurrection

Matthew 27:52–53

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

The Body of Christ (The Church)

1. The church will have a resurrection of its own.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

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:

Last interval of the Firstfruits is the Old Testament & Tribulation Saints.

1. This phase takes place after the Tribulation.
 - A. 7 years after the church is raised.
2. This includes all the saints who belong to the Body of Christ.

Daniel 12:1-2

1 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. 2 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.

The Last Resurrection

1. Sometimes referred to as the second resurrection.
 - A. This occurs after the Millennium.
 - B. This includes all the wicked dead.
 - C. They will be raised to stand before the Great White Throne.