



Life Principles Notes™

His Resurrection, Our Assurance

Summary:

There are two resurrections: The first is of God's children in the righteousness of Christ, and the second is of those who are not saved unto judgment. If you were to die today, which one of those two resurrections would you obtain? Would you receive eternal life or would you be given the sentence of everlasting separation from God? Not only does God have a perfect design for our life, but He also has a flawless plan for our redemption. However, when we believe that our ways are better than His, we are headed for destruction and

we will surely miss out on God's best for our life. That's why we must understand the resurrection of Christ, because it's the means by which we inherit eternal life. And although there are many confusing ideas about the resurrection, a correct understanding will bless us immeasurably.

Key Passage: [1 Corinthians 15:20–28](#)

Supporting Scripture: *Matthew 7:21–23; 24:29; Romans 5:19–23; 1 Corinthians 15:12–19; Hebrews 9:27; 1 Thessalonians 4:7, 15–17; Revelation 1:7; 7:17; 20:11–15.*

Scriptural Principles:

1 Explaining Paul's discussion of the baptism of the dead.

In 1 Corinthians 15:20–28, Paul is not supporting the idea of the baptism of the dead. He only brings it up because it was being practiced by those who were denouncing the resurrection. However, it is clear from the New Testament that baptism is for those who have made a personal commitment of faith to Jesus Christ as their Savior. Baptism is only for believers. You cannot commit another person to Christ—you can only choose Him for yourself, and baptism is the outward sign of that choice.

2 Seven consequences if Christ's resurrection wasn't real:

- Not even Christ has been raised—Jesus died and that would be the end of it.
- Our preaching is vain—It's a waste of time for us to talk about eternal life.
- Your faith also is vain—Whatever we've believed, it's all false.
- We are even found to be false witnesses of God—We've testified that God raised Christ, and if that's wrong we've lied about God.
- You are still in your sins—We are all still guilty before God and will be judged.
- Those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished—All of our loved ones have died without hope.
- We are of all men most to be pitied—If Christ hasn't been raised, then we're completely deceived.

3 In God's order, Jesus Christ was first in the resurrection.

Jesus Christ has kept every promise to us! He is living in the resurrected state and as a result, we can experience a fulfilling relationship with Him. He was raised first—as the first fruits of all who will be resurrected never to die again—showing that we will be raised permanently as well. For the child of God, death is like falling asleep and waking up to a brand new life because Christ is our guarantee.

4 The second to be resurrected are those who are Christ's at His coming.

Romans 5:19 compares Christ to Adam: “Through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.” God gave us the right to choose between obedience and disobedience. We must learn obedience because of the sin nature that we inherited through Adam. Our nature must be transformed through Christ by being born again. Our good works will never suffice—they cannot mend the sin debt that separates us from God. Only the crucified and resurrected Christ can save us and give us eternal life.

5 Debunking three false beliefs.

- Some believe that when people die, they go and suffer for their sins for a while. However, if we have to suffer for a while, why did Jesus have to die? If we could suffer and atone for our own sins, then the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ were a huge mistake. Rather, we see that this belief is patently false because Jesus paid our sin debt in full.
- Some people believe that everyone is saved—they just don’t know it. However, the Bible is very clear that we are only redeemed in Christ. Apart from Christ there is no forgiveness or salvation.
- Some people believe that when you die, that’s the end of it. They are in for a rude awakening. Hebrews 9:27 assures, “It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.”

6 The third resurrection.

Jesus first comes for His church. First Thessalonians 4:15, 17 promises, “We who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. . . . We who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord.” In other words, we know that in the second resurrection, the church will be raptured and will meet those who have died in the Lord in the air. However, after that is the Great Tribulation and then Jesus Christ comes again in all His glory for His millennial reign. After that, comes the third resurrection: Christ calls the tribulation saints to Him and judges unbelievers.

7 The fiery end.

God is absolutely just; so unbelievers will face the Great White Throne Judgment, and will be assigned punishment on the basis of three criteria:

- How much of the truth did they know?
- How much opportunity did they have?
- What did they do with the truth?

However, no matter the degree of their punishment, we know that they’ll be eternally separated from God. And as Revelation 20:15 warns, “If anyone’s name [is] not found written in the book of life, he [will be] thrown into the lake of fire.”

Conclusion:

Believers on the other hand, will face the Judgment Seat of Christ—where we’ll give an account of our life. There, we’ll be rewarded for what we’ve done for Christ and we’ll lose our reward for all of the things we did against Him. Yet, I believe that when Revelation 7:17 tells us,

“God will wipe away every tear from

their eyes;” it’s because we’ll be weeping when we see what our lives could have been. We’ll mourn over our sins, misspent time, and wasted opportunities; however, God will comfort us and invite us into His joy.

It’s Jesus Christ or nothing. Jesus—the resurrected Son of God—is exactly who He says He is and will do all He has promised. Therefore, make the wise decision: Choose Him and embrace the resurrection life of Christ today! 🙏



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