

Resurrection and Judgment

What happens after we die? Everyone wants to know what will happen, but only God's Word, the Bible, can tell us, because He is God from everlasting to everlasting, ***“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.” (Psalm 90:2 KJV)***

Hebrews 9:27 says that man is destined to die once and after that to face Judgment, ***“27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:” (Hebrews 9:27 KJV)***

Why do all people have to die? ***Romans 5:12*** says that all men die because all have sinned. ***“12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” (Romans 5:12 KJV)*** The ***“one man”*** in this verse refers to Adam who through him sin entered into the world.

Death is not the end of existence. Everyone of us, believers and non believers, has two appointments after death:

1. Resurrection for eternity.
2. Judgment for eternity.

Who will be resurrected for life? ***1 Corinthians 15:22*** says, ***“22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”*** We who believe in Christ would be resurrected for life.

Who will stand before God's judgment seat? ***Romans 14:10*** says, we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ***“10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.” (Romans 14:10 KJV)***

How will Christ come again? ***Matthew 25:31*** says that the Son of Man, Jesus Christ, will come in His glory and that all the holy angels will come with Him, and that He will sit upon the throne of His glory, ***“31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:” (Matthew 25:31 KJV)***

Why Christ is going to come again?

1. John 14:3 says He will come to receive us to be with Him, that we also may be where He is! ***“3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” (John 14:3 KJV)*** Jesus will come back to take true believers to be with Himself.

2. 2 Thessalonians 2:8 says He will come to consume the wicked, ***“8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:” (2 Thessalonians 2:8 KJV)***

3. Matthew 25:32 says He will come to separate the nations for judgment. ***“32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:” (Matthew 25:32 KJV)***

4. Matthew 25:34 says He will come to establish His kingdom, ***“34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:” (Matthew 25:34 KJV)*** This will happen after a time of great distress that we read about in the book of ***Revelation*** chapters 6-19.

Now we will speak about the resurrection of the dead, and what changes will come to man's body in the resurrection?

1. Man is made up of three parts spirit, soul and body, “23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23 KJV)

2. Death affects us spiritually and physically. Death is separation and is of two kinds.

a) Spiritual death is separation from God. Adam died spiritually after he sinned. We were dead in our trespasses and sins, ***“1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;” (Ephesians 2:1 KJV)*** until we believed that God made us alive with Christ. ***“13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;” (Colossians 2:13 KJV)*** Now, when we have faith in Jesus, we were born again and spiritually resurrected, ***“3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3, 5 KJV)***

b) Physical death is the separation of the soul and spirit from the body. At death, man's body which is dust would be separate from the spirit. ***“7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.” (Ecclesiastes 12:7 KJV)*** At death man's body go to the earth and his spirit go to God.

But our certain hope is that as we continue to trust Jesus and live for Him, when He comes again we shall receive a glorified body like His own glorious resurrected body. ***“35 But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43 It is sown in dishonour; 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. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to***

God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:35, 42-44, 51-57 KJV) Physical resurrection involves reassembles and puts back together the body. Physical resurrection also permanently separates the righteous from the wicked. **John 5:28-29** says those who have done good will rise to the resurrection of life; and they that have done wickedness, shall rise to the resurrection of damnation, **“28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” (John 5:28-29 KJV)**

Those who belong to Christ are raised and made alive when Jesus comes, **“22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” (1 Corinthians 15:22 KJV)** **2 Timothy 2:19** tells us that Jesus knows those who are His, **“19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” (2 Timothy 2:19 KJV)** **“13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 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: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJV)** Here we are informed that when Jesus comes back He will bring with Him those who have sleep in Him as in verse 14, **“14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.” (1 Thessalonians 4:14 KJV)** This means only the believers in Christ shall be resurrected when He comes. Believers who are dead in Christ will rise first as in verse 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:” (1 Thessalonians 4:16 KJV)** But we the believers in Christ who are still living at His second coming as in verse 17 who are still alive will not be resurrected, but we will be caught up together with them in the clouds, that all of us will meet Lord in the air. This is called the rapture as Paul describes it to us in verse 17, **“17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:17 KJV)**

All of the remaining dead who are wicked would be raised later on after the Millennial reign, the one thousand years of the reign of Christ on the earth, to stand before God’s great white throne of judgment for the final judgment, **“11 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.” (Revelation 20:11-15 KJV)

Now we will speak about judgment. God is the one who will judge us, for judgment belongs to God. The Father God is the judge of the whole earth. **1 Peter 1:17** says the Father judges according to every man’s work, which means He judges impartially, **“17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man’s work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:” (1 Peter 1:17 KJV)** But God has chosen to let His Son, Jesus, judge. **John 5:22-23** says, the Father judges no one but has entrusted all judgment to His Son. **“22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: 23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.” (John 5:22-23 KJV)**

3. However, Jesus gives the final authority for judgment to the Word of God. He said in **John 12:47-48** that the very Word that He had spoken the same shall judge the person in the last day, the Day of Judgment. **“47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” (John 12:47-48 KJV)**

How are we judged?

1. **We are judge according to the truth, “1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. 2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.” (Romans 2:1, 2 KJV)**

2. **We are judged according to our deed, “6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:” (Romans 2:6 KJV)**

3. **We are judged without respect of person, “11 For there is no respect of persons with God.” (Romans 2:11 KJV)**

4. **We are judged according to our knowledge of the Word of God, “12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;” (Romans 2:12 KJV)** Each person will be judged according to the opportunity for spiritual enlightenment and understanding given to him, according to what he received from God’s Word.

How true believers and non believers are judge differently?

1. **Eternal judgment of true believers is not a judgment of condemnations.** We who are true believers have already passed from death to life, **“24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” (John 5:24 KJV)** and are not condemned, **“18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of**

God.” (John 3:18 KJV) Romans 8:1 says we who are true believers are no longer under condemnation, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” (Romans 8:1 KJV) As we truly repent from our sins then we are forgiven, “25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.” (Isaiah 43:25 KJV)

2. True believers are judged for reward if their works remain. Our works will be judged to determine their qualities, the foundation that we built on and the materials we used, **“11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.” (1 Corinthians 3:11-15 KJV)** This judgment will happen and take place at the judgment seat of Christ, **“10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” (2 Corinthians 5:10)** Our service is judged according to what we’ve done with the talents given to us as we read in the parable of the talents, **“14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. 16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. 17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. 18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not straved: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not straved: 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 25:14-30 KJV)** The righteous shall be rewarded and the wicked shall be judged. The righteous are those who serve God according to His Word, **“18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the**

righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. (Malachi 3:18 KJV)

The final judgment for the non-believers and those who are not among the true believers will put an end to all sins and rebellion against God, and they will be thrown into the lake of fire which is the second death, **“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.” (Revelation 20:14-15 KJV)** The second death condemns the non-believers to the eternal fire.

Death is the last enemy to be destroyed when it is thrown into the lake of fire, and after this, Jesus shall hand over the kingdom to His Father, **“24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.” (1 Corinthians 15:24-26 KJV)**

My dear and beloved: Let us take heed of what we heard and studied. Time for you to fear God and to submit yourself fully to His will. Time for you to repent of all your sins and start to do what had ordained for you to do so that you will be ready when Christ would come to take us with Him to Heaven.

Let us pray

My Prayer: Heavenly Father, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died for my sins on the cross, and who raised from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that encouraged me to continue to walk in your ways and persevere to continue to do your will. Lord thank you for all the teaching, the rebukes, the corrections and the admonishments we received in this message.

Confess and renounce all your sins. Confess your disobedience and your rebellion against God and against His Word. Confess and renounce all the works of the flesh and doing your own will. Confess and renounce your non willingness to surrender your will to God. Confess and renounce your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Christ. Repent of your lack of reading God’s Word and your lack of prayers. Repent of your yoke with friends, non believers, and with the Media, News and games. Lord forgive me I repent and renounce the following sins _____.

Lord I surrender my life and my will unto you and I commit my life to live for you, to live in holiness, away from sin and away from doing my own will. Lord I commit myself to serve you, and I am willing to suffer for you. Lord uphold me with your grace, protect me and provide all my needs so I will continue to serve you and to be ready to go with you at your coming, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.

Lord, thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins and who surrendered their lives and will to you. Lord bless them, uphold them with your grace, protect them and provide their needs. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit and give them the Spiritual gifts that they need in their lives and use them to serve you and set good example to others to follow you.

Lord bless us as your church and help us to go on and serve you declaring your Word and your will to the people. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the Spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to serve you. Lord continue to lead us to evangelize reaching new places and new people with the gospel of Jesus. Lord help us to continue to make new disciples and train new workers and plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming to be ready to go with you when you come to take us. Lord take the message and spread it. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us and enlarge our territory let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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