

The Resurrection of The Dead

- **ALL believers will be resurrected.**

“For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.” 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

- Those who are alive when Christ returns will be physically transformed in their bodies.
- Those who are dead when Christ returns will be physically reunited with their bodies.
- **Our resurrection bodies will be CHRIST-LIKE.**

“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.” Philippians 3:20-21

- **Our resurrection bodies will be PHYSICAL.**

The Bible views the physical body (apart from sin) as holy, good, and valuable. Christians look forward to the restoration of the body, not relief from the body. (We hope we will have risen & restored bodies)

- **Our resurrection bodies will be SPIRITUAL (entirely Spirit-filled).**
- **Our resurrection bodies will be eternal.**

“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

- Our resurrection bodies will be beautiful.
- Our resurrection bodies will be powerful.
- Our resurrection bodies will be RECOGNIZABLE.

“Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”
John 2:19

“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus[a] from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.” **Romans 8:11**

“And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.” **1 Corinthians 15:37-38**

- We will reflect our uniqueness.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” **Genesis 1:27-28**

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Notice here, the only time the Bible ever talks about “RACE” is that we are ALL the human race / Adam's race.

- We will retain various distinctions.

“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” **Revelation 7:9-10**

The Bible does focus on ethnicity but not race in any other way. The world gives us distinction and division (Jews & Gentiles) but Christ unites us.

- **Our concept of race is an artificial social constructed idea.**

The return of Christ and the resurrection of Christians will usher in the RESTORATION of creation.

“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of

God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." **Romans 8:19-25**

When the resurrected Christ returns, all people (Christians and non-Christians alike) will be resurrected for the day of final JUDGMENT.

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

"Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment."

John 5:28-29

"But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, 15 having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust."

Acts 24:14-15