

**XVII. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS
LESSON SEVENTEEN**

... ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

INTRODUCTION

"The Resurrection of the Dead" is the sixth of the seven FIRST PRINCIPLES OF THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST, Hebrews 6:1,2.

In the examination of this doctrine as well as the next on Eternal Judgment, we are being led into an altogether new realm of study. Hitherto, the five doctrines which we have considered have all been directly related to this present world and to the scene of time. However, in the remaining two "Principles of the Doctrine of Christ", we are taken by the revelation of God's Word out of this present world and beyond the scene of time into a new realm, the realm of eternity. These scenes upon which will be enacted the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment belong not to time, but to eternity.

Now eternity is not merely an immensely long span of time or the endless extension of time. Eternity differs in its nature from time. Eternity is an altogether different mode of being. Eternity is God's own mode of being, the realm in which God Himself dwells.

According to John 17:2-3, what kind of life does Jesus have the power to give.

When does the person receiving eternal life enter into it.

JESUS CHRIST, THE RESURRECTION...

New Concept - the concept of a resurrection was not new to the people living in Christ's time. The Jews believed in a final, general resurrection some day (John 11:24).

According to John 11:25, what new concept did Jesus bring to the resurrection?

Conclusions: Resurrection for those who were dead in sin.

...OF THE DEAD

For centuries, man has contemplated the meaning of death and often explored the subject in his literature and philosophy. Even today, the great question, "Is there life after death?" continues to be debated. For the Christian, there is no reason to question or debate the issue, for the resurrection is God's answer for death. By means of a resurrection, life comes forth from death. cf. John 5:24.

The origin of death.

Genesis 2:17

Romans 6:23

Conclusion: Death has its origin in sin/disobedience.

The Scriptures speak of three kinds of death.

1. Luke 16:22

What is the intermediate state of the spirit, soul and body between physical death and the resurrection?

Of the spirit? Luke 23:46; Acts 7:59; Ecclesiastes 12:7

Of the body? Ecclesiastes 12:7; 1 Corinthians 15:55

Of the soul? (determined by who your are)

The unbeliever's (wicked) soul according to Luke 16:23 and 1 Peter 3:19 goes where?

The soul of the righteous (believer) before the death and resurrection of Christ went where at death? Luke 16:22.

After the death and resurrection of Christ? Luke 23:43.

Physical death is a separation of the spirit and soul from the body and not the end of existence.

2. Ephesians 2:1

Spiritual death is the separation from God in this world and in the world to come.

3. The third form of death is seen in the following verses of Scripture.

Jude 7

Matthew 18:8

Matthew 25:41

Hebrews 6:2

2 Thessalonians 1:9

Mark 3:29

Eternal death then is not a cessation of existence, but an everlasting punishment described as an everlasting fire, eternal judgment, everlasting destruction, and eternal damnation.

RESURRECTION OF BELIEVERS FROM THE DEAD

Because of Christ's resurrection there are three resurrections available to the believer.

1. The first resurrection the child of God will experience is seen in Romans 6:4.

Which according to John 3:3 is called what?

2. Ephesians 1:19-20 speaks of the resurrection power of Christ dwelling in us. According to Romans 8:11, of what benefit is this resurrection power to our daily life?

3. According to 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 when will the third and final resurrection of the Believer take place?

From 1 Corinthians 15:22,42-44,53, five changes will take place in our body at that moment. What are they?

This final resurrection for the Christian, or according to 1 Corinthians 15:23, "...they that are Christ's at His coming" has:

- **Two phases**
 - One for the spiritual, overcoming believer
Philippians 3:11
Hebrews 11:35.
 - One for the carnal believer. The difference between carnal believers and overcomers is seen in the following scriptures, were two different groups of believers are spoken of.
1 Corinthians 3:1
Matthew 24:40-25:30
- **At different time**
 - Overcomers before Great Tribulation.
Revelation 3:10-11
Luke 21:36
Revelation 12:5
 - Carnal believers during the Great Tribulation
Daniel 7:21,25
Revelation 7:14; 13:7; 12:6,13,14
Romans 5:9
I Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9

THE GENERAL RESURRECTION

The Scriptures teach that both the wicked (the unsaved) and the just (the believers) will be resurrected.

According to Revelation 20:13-15, what kind of resurrection will the wicked have?

According to Romans 9:22 the wicked will receive bodies fit for what?