

Doctrinal Studies

Two Resurrections

There are three passages that generally describe the subject of two resurrections: John 5:24-29; Daniel 12:2; and Revelation 20:6,13.

John 5:29: "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."

Daniel 12:2: "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."

Revelation 20:6: "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection..."

The First Resurrection

In I Corinthians 15:23 we have described four facets of the first resurrection.

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the first person to have a resurrection body—Romans 1:4; I Thessalonians 1:10; II Timothy 2:8; I Peter 1:3; I Corinthians 15:23.
2. The next group of people to have resurrection bodies will be the believers of the Church Age at the Rapture of the Saints. I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Corinthians 15:51-57, Philippians 3:20,21; I John 3:1,2; John 14:1-3.
3. The third group will be made up of Old Testament saints, plus the martyrs of the Tribulation. Isaiah 26: 19,20; Revelation 20:4; Matthew 24:31.
4. The fourth group to receive resurrection bodies will be all millennial saints plus those who were alive at the Second Advent (Saints of the Tribulation).

The Second Resurrection

1. The second resurrection is the resurrection unto damnation.
2. This is made up of all unbelievers since the beginning of time. They are brought up and judged, and cast into the lake of fire as described in Revelation 20:12-15. Verses 13 & 14: "....they were judged every man according to their *works* [emphasis mine]. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death."

Also II Peter 3:9; John 5:28,29; and Matthew 25:41. This is the Great White Throne judgment.

Man has no greater need in all the world than to know Jesus Christ personally. As you read these lines today, if you are without Christ as your Savior, then you are without hope and eternal life. The Bible reveals unmistakably that Christ died for your sins; He took your place. Jesus says, "Come unto Me...him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37; Matthew 11:28. At this very moment you can become the possessor of eternal life. Acts 16:31: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved"