


Resurrections in Review
(1 Cor 15:23)

Resurrection: What and When?


Preview

- 1. Definition of resurrection
- 2. Demand for resurrection
- 3. Description of resurrection



1. Definition of Resurrection

- Anthropology-Man is material; immaterial (1 Thess 5:23)
- Death = separation (Matt 27:50; Acts 7:59)
- Resurrection = reunion
- Resurrection is not a resuscitation



2. Demand for Resurrection

- Our need for a resurrected body
 - We are not currently fit for eternity (1 Cor 15:50)
 - Our present bodies are under a curse (Gen 3:19)
- Conclusion-why we yearn for our resurrection body (Job 19:25-27)



3. Description of Resurrection

- Comparison to our present bodies (1 Cor 15:42-49)
- Comparison to Christ's resurrection body (1 John 3:2)
 - Similar yet different (John 20:14-16)
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Differences Between the Earthly and Heavenly Bodies (15:42-44)

Earthly Body

- Perishable
- Lowly
- Weak
- Natural

Heavenly Body

- Imperishable
- Honorable
- Powerful
- Spiritual



Adam vs. Christ (15:45-49)

- Current body:
physical, earthly body
proceeding from
Adam
- Future body:
spiritual, heavenly
body proceeding from
Christ



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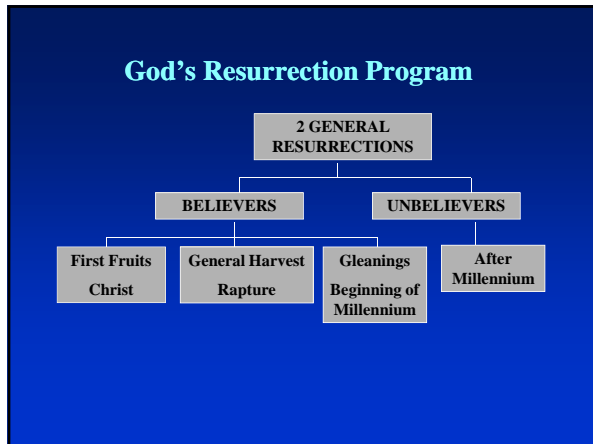
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Resurrection is the Heart of the Gospel (15:1-11)

- Definition of the Gospel
- Predicted in the Old Testament (1-4)
- Attested to by eyewitnesses (5-11)

Resurrection of Christ Predicted in the Old Testament (15:1-4)

- Psalm 16:10
- Isaiah 53:10



Christ's Resurrection Attested to by Eyewitnesses (15:5-11)

- Cephas (5a)
- The twelve (5b)
- The five hundred (6)
- James (7a)
- The rest of the apostles (7b)
- Paul (8-11)



Rapture (15:50-58)

- Mystery (51a)
- A generation of Christians to be spared from death (51b)
- Instantaneous (52a)
- Last trump (52b)
- Preparation for eternity (50, 53)
- Victory over death (54-57)
- Positive impact upon daily life (58)



Exemption from Death (1 Cor 15:54-56)

- Enoch (Gen 5)
- Elijah (2 Kings 2)
- Christ (Acts 1:11; Rev 12:5)
- Philip (Acts 8)
- Paul (2 Cor 12)
- John (Rev 4:1-2)
- Two witnesses (Rev 11)



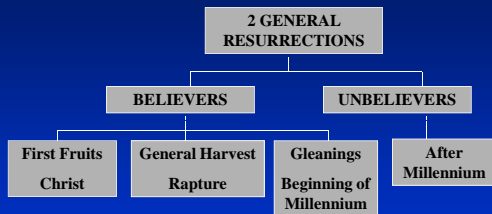
Last Trump?



- **1 Cor 15:52**
- Before wrath
- Trump of God
- Singular trump
- Resurrection
- Glory
- Instantaneous
- Church
- No earthquake
- Last trump of church age
- **Rev 11:15**
- During wrath
- Angelic trump
- Series of trumps
- No resurrection
- Judgment
- Duration (Rev 10:7)
- Israel/Gentiles
- Earthquake
- Last trump of a series

Pentecost, *Things to Come*, 189-91

God's Resurrection Program



Order of *Tagma* (15:23)

- **General:** Christ's resurrection (1 Cor 15:23)
- **Officer:** Rapture (1 Thess 4:13-18)
- **Soldiers:** OT saints & Tribulation martyrs (Rev 20:4)
- **Captives:** Unsaved of all ages (Rev 20:5)