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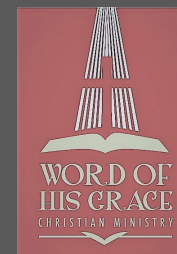
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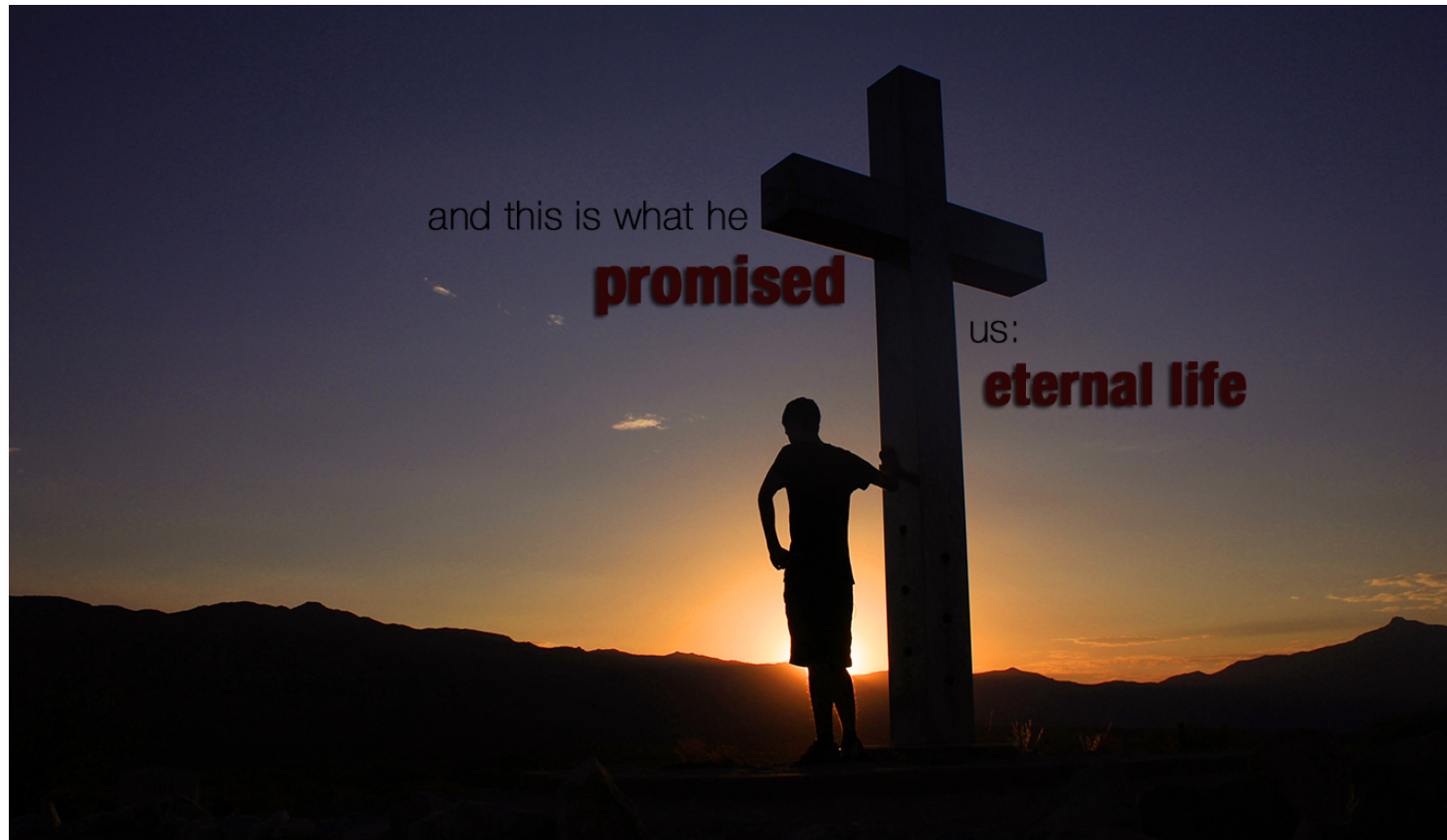
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The Word of God speaks of two future resurrections: one for the just and one for the unjust. The righteous will be raised and meet Jesus in the air. On the other hand, the ungodly will also be raised but will face judgment. When will these two resurrections take place? Will the lost receive a second chance? These resurrections are on the horizon; let us learn more about them from God's Word.

Where does mankind go at death?

“So man lieth down, and *riseth not*: till the *heavens be no more*, they shall *not awake*, nor be raised out of their sleep” (Job 14:12).

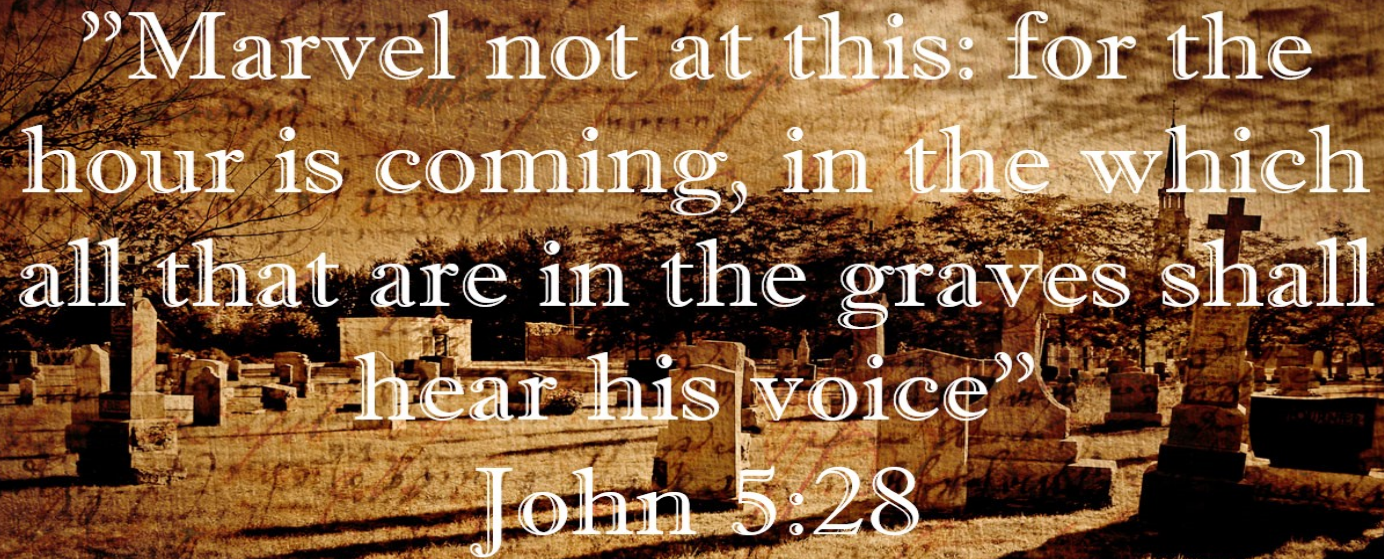
“Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in *dust*: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the *earth* shall *cast out the dead*” (Isaiah 26:19).

Does man naturally possess an immortal soul?

“Shall *mortal man* be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?” (Job 4:17).

“To them who by patient continuance in well doing *seek for* glory and honour and *immortality*, eternal life” (Romans 2:7). See also (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

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“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice”
John 5:28

How does the Bible contrast the two resurrections?

“And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to *everlasting life*, and some to *shame and everlasting contempt*” (Daniel 12:2).

“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are *in the graves* shall hear his voice, 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).

When will the righteous be raised from their graves?

“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).

What happens to the unjust living at Christ’s second coming?

“And the *heavens departed* as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And *the kings of the earth*, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men,

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"FALL ON US AND HIDE US FROM THE FACE
OF HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE AND
FROM THE WRATH OF THE LAMB!"

Revelation 6:16

and every bondman, and every free man, *hid themselves* in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of *him that sitteth on the throne*, and from the *wrath of the Lamb*: For the great day of his wrath is come; and *who shall be able* to stand?" (Revelation 6:14-17).

“And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be *revealed from heaven* with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that *know not God*, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the *presence of the Lord*, and from the glory of his power” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

“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).

What will the righteous experience after being raised?

“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot *inherit* the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all *sleep*, but we shall all be *changed*, 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. For this corruptible *must put on incorruption*, and this mortal must put on

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Thank God!

HE GIVES US VICTORY OVER
SIN AND DEATH THROUGH
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

immortality. 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*. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?” ” (1 Corinthians 15:50-55).


Where will the righteous go after being resurrected?

“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” (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the *first resurrection*: on such *the second death* hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and *shall reign with him* a thousand years” (Revelation 20:6).

NOTE: Some Christians believe the “thousand years” reign will be on earth; however, others believe the righteous will reign with Christ in Heaven. The reason, they meet the LORD in the air and *New Jerusalem* descends from Heaven to earth after the Millennium. The saints will also partake in the judgement, see Revelation 21:2-3; 1 Corinthians 6:2).

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**When will the saints
judge the world?**

1 Corinthians 6:2

Where will the unjust be during the millennium or thousand years?

“But the rest of the dead *lived not again* until the thousand years *were finished*. This is the first resurrection” (Revelation 20:5).

NOTE: Evidently, the lost are slain by the “*brightness of his coming*” (2 Thess. 2:8) and remain dead until after the Millennium; then they will be raised in *the second resurrection* to face judgment (Rev. 20:7-9).

What will the just do during the millennial reign of Jesus Christ?

“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and *judgment was given unto them*: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and *they lived and reigned with Christ* a thousand years” (Revelation 20:4).

“Do ye not know that *the saints shall judge the world?* and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?” (1 Corinthians 6:2).

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In what condition will the Earth be in during the thousand years?

“I beheld *the earth*, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had *no light*. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was *no man*, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at *the presence of the LORD*, and by his fierce anger. For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land *shall be desolate*; yet will I not make a *full end*” (Jeremiah 4:23-27).

What will become of Satan and the unjust?

“And when the thousand years *are expired*, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And *shall go out to deceive the nations* which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them *together to battle*: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and *compassed the camp of the saints about*, and the *beloved city*: and fire came down *from God* out of heaven, and *devoured them*. And the devil that deceived them was cast into *the lake of fire and brimstone*, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever” (Revelation 20:7-10).

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NOTE: There has been much confusion about *Gog* and *Magog* with some trying to identify *Russia* as Gog and Magog today. Yet, the context of *Revelation 20* simply identifies *all the lost*, those “*whom is as the sand of the sea*” (V 8) as demonstrating the same *hostility and rebellion* against *God* as those of ancient Gog and Magog, see Gen. 10:2; Eze. 38:2, 15, 39:3-9.

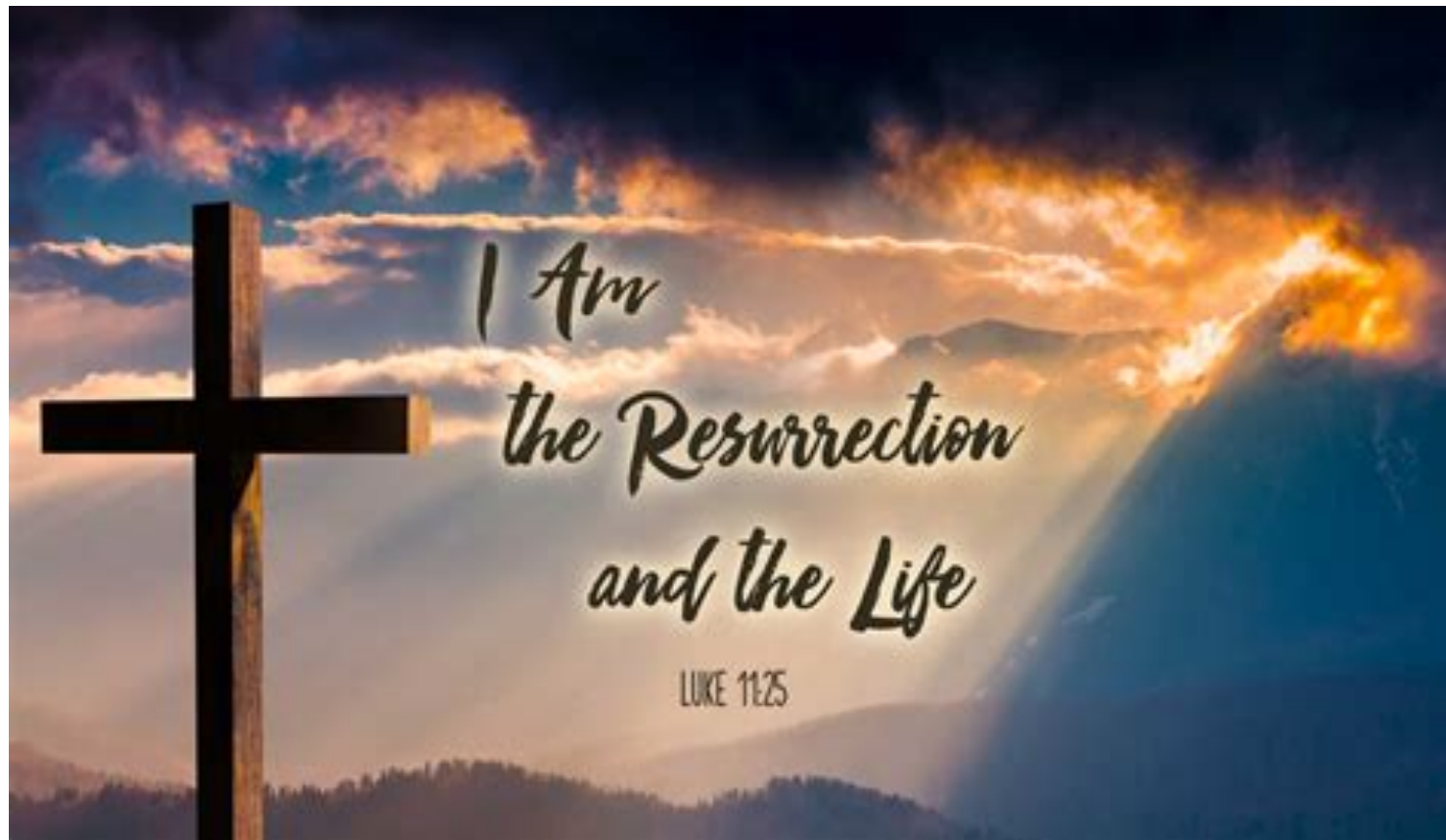
“And *death and hell* were *cast into* the lake of fire. *This is the second death*. And whosoever was not found written in *the book of life* was cast into the lake of fire” (*Revelation 20:14-15*).

Is our fellowship with Jesus an assurance of our future resurrection?

“That I may *know him*, and the power of his resurrection, and the *fellowship of his sufferings*, being made *conformable unto his death*; If by any means I might attain unto the *resurrection of the dead*” (*Philippians 3:10-11*).

“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. 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 4:13-14*).

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NOTE: Some teach that Paul is referring to *disembodied immortal souls* that return from Heaven with Jesus; however, the Bible teaches that mortal man rises, either to eternal life or to face the second death. Paul here simply states that those who are “*asleep*” (v 13), “*sleep in Jesus*” (v 14), and we who are alive will not “*prevent*” or precede (v 15) the “*dead in Christ*” (v 16), but rather, all the redeemed “*shall be caught up together with them*” (v 17).

How did Jesus summarize the hope of the resurrection?

“But as touching the *resurrection of the dead*, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of *Abraham*, and the God of *Isaac*, and the God of *Jacob*? God is not the God of the dead, but of *the living*” (Matthew 22:31-31).

“Jesus said unto her, *I am the resurrection*, and the life: he *that believeth in me*, though he were dead, *yet shall he live*” (John 11:25).

“And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and *believeth on him*, may have *everlasting life*: and I will raise him up *at the last day*” (John 6:40).