

The Two Resurrections – Notes

To recap:

Redemption and Salvation

“Redemption” and “Salvation” are not synonymous. Redemption means one thing and salvation means another.

Redemption is something that happens to us here on earth. It is a calling of God, we are never asked to “believe” for redemption.

To be redeemed literally means “to be purchased” i.e. by someone, by blood.

It means that we will be part of the First Resurrection and will not suffer the penalty for our sins – which is “The Great White Throne Judgment” at the Second Resurrection.

Salvation is only realized at the time of the resurrection after we are judged worthy, so that makes it a future event.

It is something that began in the past (at the time of redemption) and still continues until the Day of Judgment at the resurrection. (Remember the example last time of buying a car)

To be “saved” means to be “delivered” to the inheritance; to enter into the Kingdom of God.

The Canaanite Woman

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." ²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

²⁸ Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Matthew 10:5-6

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel."

At that time in Christ's ministry He was called only to the Jews, but later the Gentiles (us) were included.

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The First Resurrection: this is the one that affects all of us as the redeemed.

Christ's Return is often referred to as "The Rapture" in Christian circles but as the word "Rapture" is not found in scripture we don't use it but it is referring to the same thing.

Acts 1:9-10

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who **fall asleep**, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴ We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have **fallen asleep** in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have **fallen asleep**. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage each other with these words.

"To fall asleep" in scripture means "to die"

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers, (*remember Christ's definition of this word*) are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

The dead are dead

www.thegrovebiblefellowship.com

"Life is Only in the Resurrection" (Iain MacMillan)

"Lazarus and The Rich Man" (Anne MacMillan)

www.inthebeginning.org (under "kingdom studies")

"Dying to the Resurrection" (Bill Ramey)

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all **sleep**, (*i.e. to be dead at Christ's Coming*) but we will all be changed—⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with

immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 52: in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound...

This verse ties in with the timing of Christ's Parousia set out in the book of Revelation.

Revelation 11:15-19

¹⁵ The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."

¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. ¹⁸ The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great— and for destroying those who destroy the earth." ¹⁹ Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

Verse 1: The seventh trumpet = "The last trump" in 1 Corinth 15:52

Revelation 19:11-21

¹¹I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

¹⁷ And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, ¹⁸ so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great." ¹⁹ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. ²⁰ But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. ²¹ The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Revelation 20:1-6

¹ And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their

foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead *{those who did not belong to Christ from Adam until his Parousia}* did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death (*The Lake of Fire*) has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Compare 11:18 with 19:11 - Judgment then war.

Daniel 12:2

² Multitudes who **sleep in the dust of the earth** will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

Remember that biblically “to be asleep” is to be dead.

Here in Daniel we see one resurrection with two possible outcomes: “everlasting life” or “shame and everlasting contempt”. This resurrection is the First Resurrection. The Second Resurrection hadn’t been revealed at that point. It was later revealed to the Apostle John in the book of Revelation.

To recap:

Sequence of Events Surrounding Christ's Parousia (Second Coming)

1. "The Seals and The Trumpets" this marks the beginning of The Tribulation. The Tribulation has three parts: Seals, Trumpets and Bowls of Wrath. The Tribulation lasts for a total of seven years (**Daniel 7 and 8**) but does not run concurrently. The first 2/3 (Seals and Trumpets) is referred to in scripture as "The Tribulation" and happen before Christ's Parousia. (**Rev 6:1-11:15**)
2. Christ's Parousia or Second Coming happens at the seventh trumpet and then the First Resurrection takes place and all those that "are His" are resurrected and clothed with imperishable bodies. Satan is imprisoned for a 1000 years and all the redeemed are judged for the "good and the bad" (**2 Corinth 5:10-11**) Christ sets up his kingdom on earth.
3. After 1000 years Satan is released for a short time: (**Rev 20:7-9**)
4. The last 1/3 of the tribulation: The Bowls of Wrath now comes to pass. In scripture this is referred to as "The Great Tribulation" and begins when Satan is released after the 1000 years and deceives the nations again. (**Rev 12:1-18:24**).
5. Christ casts Satan into the Lake of Fire (**Rev 20:10**).
6. The Great White Throne Judgment takes place. (**Rev 20:10-15**).
7. The New Heaven and New Earth (**Rev 21:1-2; 2 Peter 3:10**).
8. Our resurrected bodies are now clothed with immortality (**1 Corinth 15:53-54**).
9. God dwells among men (**Rev 21:3**).

Revelation 20:4

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.