Job 14:14 If a man dies, will he live again? All the days of my struggle I will wait, until my change comes.

Job 19:25-27 And as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will take His stand on the earth. 26) "Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I shall see God; 27) Whom I myself shall behold, and whom my eyes shall see and not another. My heart faints within me.

Read: Luke 24:1-12

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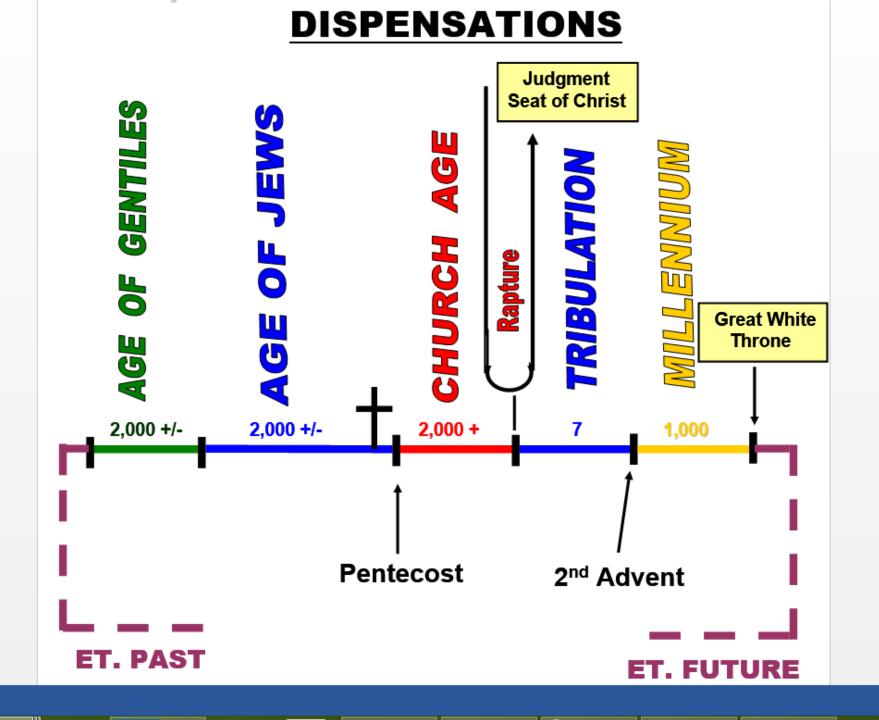


Everyone will be resurrected, both believers and unbelievers:

John 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, those who did the good deeds [believed the gospel] to a resur- rection of [eternal] life, [this is called the "first resurrection"] those who committed the evil deeds [rejected the gospel] to a resurrection of judgment. [this is called the "second death"]

So the question is not, "Is there life after death?"
The question is, "Where will you spend eternity?"

Revelation 20:4-6 ... and I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus ... and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5) (The rest of the dead [unbelievers] did not come to life until the thousand years were completed.) This ["those who came to life" in vs. 4] is the first resurrection. 6) Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these [believers] the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.



1 Corinthians 15:20-23 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep [believers who have died]. 21) For since by a man [Adam] came death, by a man also [Jesus Christ] came the resurrection of the dead. 22) For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23) But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those [Church Age believers] who are Christ's at His coming [at the rapture],

ORDER OF RESURRECTIONS

1ST RESURRECTION HAS 4 PARTS

- 1. Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the First-Fruits: 1 Cor. 15:23; Rm. 1:4; 1 Thess 1:10; 2 Thess 2:8; 1 Pet 1:3.
- 2. Rapture of the Church: <u>1 Cor. 15:51-57</u>; <u>1 Thess.</u> <u>4:16-18</u>
- 3. OT saints and Tribulational martyrs at 2nd Advent:

 Daniel 12:13; Isaiah 26:19,20; Revelation 20:4
- 4. Millennial saints, those who survived the Tribulation and their believing offspring.

2nd RESURRECTION

This one occurs at the end of the Millennium and is for UNBELIEVERS ONLY: The Great White Throne judgment Matthew 25:41, John 5:28,29; 2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 20:12-15

REGENERATION: Being born again.

John 3:3, 7, 1 Pet. 1:3, 23, Titus 3:5

RESUSCITATION: Coming back from death but eventually dying again.

1 Kings 17:21-22, Acts 20:9-10, John 11:31

RESURRECTION: Receiving a new body that will never die.

John 5:28-29, John 11:25-26, 1 Cor. 15:12-19

When a person believes that Jesus Christ rose physically from the dead as He said He would, then there is no reason to be afraid of dying. Why? Because He conquered death and it cannot hold us in the grave any more than it could hold Him.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. 55) "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56)The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57) but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:20-21... For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21) who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

OUR RESURRECTION BODY WILL BE LIKE CHRIST'S.

- 1. We will be recognizable to others in our resurrection bodies.
- 2. The resurrection body of Christ could eat, Luke 24:42-43, but He didn't need to.
- 3. Christ's resurrection body had substance. It could be touched or felt, Matthew 28:9; Luke 24:39; John 20:17.
- 4. His resurrection body possessed flesh and bones, Luke 24:39, 40.
- 5. His resurrection body could walk through closed doors and walls Luke 24:36; John 20:19.
- 6. The resurrection body was able to appear and disappear, Luke 24:17.
- 7. The resurrection body of Christ could move horizontally or vertically, Acts 1:9-10, 1 Thess. 4:16-17

QUESTIONS

- 1. If Jesus Christ did not rise from the tomb, what would that mean? See: 1 Corinthians Chapter 15
- 2. Would people be wearing crosses around their necks and hanging them on their walls If Christ was still in the tomb?
- 3. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, why didn't the religious leaders who hated Him so much simply produce His body to prove that He was a phony?
- 4. No one, not even the enemies of Christ, disputed that the tomb was empty. That's why they had to pay off the Roman soldiers and make up the ridiculous story about the disciples stealing His body while the soldiers on guard were asleep.

5. Why were the disciples willing to die rather than lie about Christ's resurrection if it wasn't true?

When Jesus got up out of that grave in His resurrection body, his body was the first piece of the new universe walking around. Whereas in the first universe, the heavens and the earth were created, what was the last thing created? Man. In the new universe, it's the people that are created first, then the new heavens and new earth will be created to contain them; it's in the exact opposite order.

THE FACT OF RESURRECTION

- 1. An empty tomb.
- 2. The competency of the witnesses: Those who witnessed His resurrection were those who knew Him and therefore could not be deceived. Furthermore, they would rather die than change their testimony and many of them did. Who was it who witnessed the resurrection of Christ? His disciples, loved ones, friends, followers, those who knew Him best. And the very fact that they would rather die than change their testimony is the highest proof that they were telling the truth about His resurrection.
- The subsequent change in the disciples after the resurrection: After the cross the disciples were despondent and frightened; after the resurrection they were joyous and fearless.

- 4. The day of Pentecost: Peter's first sermon was preached in the Church Age taken from <u>Psalm 16</u>. Subject: resurrection.
- 5. The observance of the first day of the week as the worship day: Sunday, was a radical change from the seventh day of the week observed by the Jews under the Levitical code.
- 6. The historical existence of the Church: It depends on resurrection. Christ is the Head of the Church; He must be alive to be the Head of the Church.
- 7. God promised it. The Bible foretold it. Christ fulfilled it. We don't need to see anything or proof of some kind for it to be true, nor is ours a blind faith. Read: The Heroes' Chapter: <u>Hebrews 11</u>