

“Resurrection of the Dead” (#04)
“The Order of Resurrection”

During the month of April, we are studying a new series of lessons entitled, Resurrection of Dead.

Paul is answering questions written by church leaders regarding doctrinally issues associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ – “How do some of you say?” (1 Cor.15:12)

After three lessons on Paul’s doctrinal answers, we have learned this elementary doctrinal concept associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ – **“the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the resurrection of dead are inseparable doctrines ((1 Cor.15:1-19).”**

In (1 Cor.15:12-34), Paul is engaged in an “a priori” Greek debater argument. In the middle of it (1 Cor.15:20-28), Paul paused to remind the Corinthians of foundational basic doctrines of Eschatology.

We will examine (1 Cor.15:23) by the following four homiletical points.

- **Chronological order** (tagma) [Order]
 - Dispensational order of the resurrection of dead.
- **Christ the Firstfruits** (epeita / temporal adverb) [after that]
 - The resurrection of Jesus Christ sets the Plan of God in motion. (John 3:13).
- **Christians** (those who are Christ’s (hoi / def. article / tou Christos)
 - “hoi” refers back to each one or to the order of successions
 - After Christ, comes the Rapture of church (1 Cor.15:51-52).
- **Coming of Christ [in]** (en+loc.of time and event) **His coming** (tou parousia / def. article).
 - The Second Coming – mystery (1 Cor.15:51)

We will study four aspects of the doctrine of the Order of Resurrection of Dead.

1. The Bible teaches two general resurrections of dead.

Daniel called them the resurrection of believers as everlasting life and the unbeliever to the resurrection of disgrace and everlasting contempt (Dan.12:2)

Paul called them the resurrection of righteous and the resurrection of the wicked (Acts 24:15).

Jesus called them the resurrection into eternal punishment and the resurrection into eternal life.” (Matt.25:46; 5:24, 29).

- **First resurrection** deals with believers according to their dispensational order following the resurrection of Jesus (1 Cor.15:20-23; Rev.20:4-6).
- **Second resurrection** deals with unbelievers at the Great White Throne judgment (Rev.20:11-15; Luke 16:22-23).

Both resurrections are associated with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

2. The order of the first resurrection is based on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and His Second Coming.

The resurrection of Church Age Believers (CAB) is based on positional sanctification truth.

(Eph.1:13-14) “**In Him**, you also after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation – having also believed, you were **sealed in Him** with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given **as a pledge** of our inheritance, **with the view** to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.”

(Rom.8:23) “And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting eagerly** for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.”

(2 Cor.6:14) “Knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.” (Rom.8:11)

3. Each resurrection will occur at the close of its dispensation - after resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:20-23).

- Christ’ Resurrection (1 Cor.15:20; Acts 26:23; Col.1:18; Rev.1:5).
- Church Age Believers at the Rapture (1 Cor.15:23; 1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-58).
- Jewish Age Believers at end of Tribulation (Dan.12:13; Jn.11:24-26; Rev.6:9; Mk.12:24-27)
- Millennial Age Believers at the end of the 1000 years (Rev.20:4-6; 1 Cor.15:24).

4. All believers will receive their resurrection bodies in the dispensational order of the first resurrection (John 11:23-26).

- **Rapture:** All Church Age Believers, worldwide will be snatched up into the clouds!

(1 Cor.15:51-52) “Behold, I tell 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 trumpet**; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.”

- **Last trumpet** will begin the order of the first resurrection.

(1 Thess.4:16-17) “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven **with** a shout, **with** the voice of the archangel, **and with** the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.”

- **Then** we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together **with** them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall be **with** the Lord.”
 - (John 5:28-29) Jewish Age Believers
 - (2 Cor.5:6-8) Church Age Believers

“Only with the death and resurrection of Christ did the idea of resurrection and immortality emerge from the OT shadow into the full light of the NT.” (Dictionary of NT Theology, pg.304)

From a biblical perceptive, man is not immortal because he has a soul made in the image of God but because he has a saved soul by the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:1-4; Rom.1:16; Acts 17:30-32; 1 Pet.1:3, 23; Matt.10:28; Eccl.3:11).

Resurrection Body: “For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, **we have a building from God**, a house not made with hands, eternal in heavens.” (2 Cor.5:1)

“The doctrine of resurrection is pivotal in the Christian faith.” (Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, pg.527)