

Foundations 8A Resurrection of the Dead

“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, **2** of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. **3** And this we will do if God permits”. **Hebrews 6:1-3**

The Resurrection of Christ is central to the Gospel

1 Cor. 15:1-8 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, **2** by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. **3** For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, **5** and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. **6** After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. **7** After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. **8** Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

The resurrection of Jesus is proof that the full penalty for your sins was paid for on the cross

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Romans 6:23a For the wages of sin is death

1 Cor. 15:3b Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures

Colossians 1:19-20 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, **20** and by Him (Jesus) to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Romans 4:25 Jesus “was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification”.

By shedding His precious blood on the cross, dying on our behalf, Jesus Christ completely paid our sin debt. If our sin debt had not been completely satisfied, then He could not have risen from the dead. Since God had laid on Jesus the iniquity of us ALL, and IF our sin debt was not satisfied, death would have had a claim on Him. But He did rise from dead! This proves that our sins are forgiven and we were justified by His death in our place.

Romans 8:33-34a Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen.

Believing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ is essential for salvation

Romans 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The Resurrection of Jesus confirms the truth and reliability of God’s Word in Scripture. The Lord Jesus prophesied His own death and resurrection

John 10:17-18 Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. **18** No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.

Mark 9:31 For He (Jesus) taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.”

John 2:18-22 So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?”

19 Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

20 Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?”

21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. **22** Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

The death of Jesus on the cross saved us from the penalty of our sins, but His resurrected life saves us from the power of sin.

Romans 5:8-10 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. **10** For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Once we are justified (saved from the penalty of sin) we must still be saved from the power of sin (sanctified; made holy) through His resurrected life inside of us.

Colossians 1:27b Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He (Jesus Christ) is also able to save (from the power of sin; transforming the believer into His image) to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 4:15-16 For we do not have a High Priest (Jesus Christ) who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. **16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Because Jesus is resurrected, we can now live through Him.

1 John 4:9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. **Galatians 2:20**

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. **Philippians 1:21**

Believers will be resurrected with incorruptible, glorious spiritual bodies, like Jesus' resurrected body.

1 Cor. 15:35-44 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" **36** Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. **37** And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain. **38** But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds.

40 There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. **41** There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. **43** It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. **44** It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Our resurrected bodies will be incapable of sickness or death. Like Jesus' resurrected body, our new bodies will be able to pass through walls and be trans-located.

There are two resurrections: The resurrection of life and the resurrection of condemnation.

John 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice **29** and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

The resurrection of life, which is also called “the first resurrection”, occurs at the Second Coming of Jesus

1 Thes. 4:15-18 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** 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 always be with the Lord. **18** Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Cor. 15:20-24 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. **21** For since by man (Adam) came death, by Man (Jesus) also came the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. **23** But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His

coming. **24** Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

The resurrection of condemnation occurs at the end of the Millennium, which is a literal 1,000 year reign of Jesus on earth that begins after His Second Coming.

Revelation 20:4-5 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. **5** But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

So the first resurrection, of life, occurs at the second coming of Jesus, which is after the Great Tribulation. The second resurrection, of condemnation, occurs after the one-thousand year reign of Jesus Christ on the earth.

The resurrection of Jesus assures us of a future judgment day
Acts 17:30-31 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, **31** because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.