

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

MOVING INTO ETERNITY

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PART 4: LEAVING THE EARTH

THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

We are born with a physical body, a soul and a dead spirit because of Adam's sin; when a person accepts Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour, he is born again and the dead spirit is made alive by the Holy Spirit.

The soul of a man contains the personality, thinking ability, memory, skills and gifts. The soul is the real person while the physical body is just a vehicle that does not have any characteristics and merely expresses the soul that is residing inside. God saves the soul at the moment of salvation, not the body.

The spirit of a man is the component by which he can communicate with God in the spiritual world. **1 Corinthians 2:9-16**

When Adam and Eve were created, they were given a living soul, consisting of a soul and a spirit. When they sinned and died just as God had promised, they died spiritually and every descendant from that time has been born with a dead spirit. **Genesis 2:15-17; Ephesians 2:1-6**

When Jesus was resurrected from the dead, His physical body had been transformed from a body of earthly components to a spiritual body that was both flesh and bone, but could also move in and out of the spirit world. **Luke 24:33-43; John 20:24-29**

When we refer to death on earth, most of the time the description of death is not accurate.

A true description of death on earth is to say that the physical body has died but the person still lives on as the soul/spirit (spirit man) has been removed from the physical body.

When a believer in Christ dies, holy angels will escort him to heaven. The spirit man can still speak, hear, see, touch and smell things in the spirit world although they cannot speak to or touch anyone in the physical world.

Likewise, when an unbeliever dies and steps out of his body with a soul and a dead spirit, he can also speak, hear, see, touch and smell. The dead unbeliever will be taken to Hell and he too cannot communicate with anyone in the physical world.

Everyone whose bodies have died are in one of two places: heaven or hell. **Matthew 22:31-32**

THE CATCHING AWAY

Most Christians are familiar with the event commonly known as the rapture or the catching away. There is no mention of this event in the Book of Revelation, and



in order for us to find some kind of timeline when it will occur, we must look elsewhere in the Bible.

Paul told us the rapture will take place in conjunction with the resurrection of the dead in Christ. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-16; 1 Corinthians 15:45-58**

We can therefore safely assume that the rapture will not include the resurrection of unbelievers.

The apostle Paul never saw the Book of Revelation and did not know about the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Paul said the resurrection of believers in Christ will take place when the last trumpet is sounded. This makes it clear that the rapture will take place toward the end of the reign of the Antichrist. **1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**

The dead bodies of the believers in Christ will be extracted from the earth and sea and transformed into eternal spirit bodies just like Jesus had at His resurrection and the spirit man will be united to a beautiful spirit body that will never age or get sick. **1 Corinthians 15:52-55**

Logic dictates that as soon as all believers have been caught up in the air, they will all be taken to the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive their rewards and eternal positions. **1 Corinthians 3:11-14**

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

The Book of Revelation is the only place in the Bible where we are told about the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. It is not always written in chronological order, but chapters 19 through 22 are written in a chronological order, telling us when the last events take place in this creation.

It is obvious that all believers in Christ, from the saints before the flood that believed in the future Messiah to the people who were saved after the cross, will be present at this feast. Everyone present has received their new eternal spiritual bodies.

Millions and millions of born again believers will be gathered in the grandest banquet hall in the universe and this will be the crowning moment for Jesus when he is eternally married to the bride (the church) he purchased with the shed blood on the cross. **Revelation 19:1-9**

On that day there it won't be necessary for a worship leader to lead the people in praise of our God. The Father will speak from the throne and introduce His Son, Jesus Christ, and when Jesus will appear in that banquet hall, the noise level will be so great that John used the illustration of "many waters" and "mighty thunderings."

I am praising God that I have reserved a seat that no one can take away from me; I sealed my eternal fate in May of 1965. What is your eternal fate? **John 10:27-30**

Do you have a reservation for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb?