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“THE RESURRECTION FACTOR — CHANGE YOU CAN BELIEVE IN”

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“Resurrection” is Something

**That if you live long enough, it’s a question that looms in the back of your mind
no matter who you might be.**

Because The Hope That Resurrection Stirs is Eternal...

There’s a universal fear of death and the grave.

**All mankind has the underlying questions about death and eternity,
like what will dying be like and what will be my last thoughts, my last words.
But none of those very serious questions can compare to the most serious
question - - what is beyond the grave?**

Every human being has a hope - That there’s life beyond the grave

But “What Kind of a Life” Should be the Next big Question you Ask.

Luke 20:27-40

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Jesus answered and said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. :35 But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, **neither marry nor are given in marriage**; :36 **nor can they die anymore**, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. :37 But even **Moses showed in the burning bush passage** that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ :38 **For He is not the God of the dead but of the living**, for all live to Him.” :39 Then some of the scribes answered and said, “Teacher, You have spoken well.” :40 But after that they dared not question Him anymore.

First Recognize This;

These guys asking the question, don’t even believe in the question, and so, they don’t believe in the answer. – there’s another agenda at play!

They Are Sadducees!

They were a more liberal group in Israel. Religious, yes but also very wealthy and political. They were very much “fair-weather friends” of Rome. They were very influential among the power circles. They were in some ways like the Pharisees, but they didn’t believe in angels, nor a spirit life, nor resurrection from the dead! Perhaps most dangerous of their beliefs was that they did not believe in a coming savior, the messiah, and they only held to the first five books of the Bible, the Torah.

Deuteronomy 25:5

These Sadducees are Sighting the Instructions given by God to the Jewish people (not us) For the furtherance of the family-line or lineage among the Jews.

THE RESURRECTION FACTOR CHANGE YOU CAN BELIEVE IN

1.) What Is the Resurrection?

v.27-33

1a.) It’s the final act of redemption

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To “Deny” that there is a resurrection, is to rob God of a job well done!

What Jesus Christ did at the cross was Not (1) a temporary work, (2) it wasn't a part-time work and (3) wasn't an earthly work,
(4) It was an eternal, (5) forever, a (6) never-ceasing work that would (7) provide life forevermore to all those who would receive it from Him.

1 Peter 1:18-19

knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, :19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

And that finished work of Christ is being **applied** today in the lives of those who trust in Him. There is coming a day when the “**applied / application**” of God's work at the cross will be **finished...**

**“Resurrection is That Last Result of the Finished Work”
Right Now, Today,
The Bible says that the Holy Spirit is at work.**

John 16:7-10

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. :8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: :9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; :10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father

The final act of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian is resurrection. It's by the resurrection that the Spirit of God “presents us” to Christ like a beautiful bride adorned for a wedding...

According to the Bible, it's the final, “grand display” of these key truths.

Redemption #1

confirms that we are “spirit-based” creations of God.

Redemption #2

that God is eternal, and He invites us to partake of His “eternity” with Him.

Redemption #3

resurrection proves that Jesus Christ conquered the grave.

Redemption #4

we can and will be totally changed forever, never to fall again.

We as Christians are Commanded to “Proclaim the Everlasting Gospel”
And that Gospel is Resurrection...

The Early Church was Faithful at This

Acts 4:33

And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.
And great grace was upon them all.

WHAT IS THE RESURRECTION?

1b.) It's the ultimate victory over the grave

Be Honest with Yourself,

The Hope of Resurrection from the Dead is Exactly What You Want - Come On!

Acts 17:30-32

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.” :32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some **mocked**, while others said, “We will hear you again on this matter.”

This “**mocked**” *cleuaꝯzw chleuazo, khlyoo-ad'-zo;*
to throw out the lip, to jeer or put down! (to spuddhaa)

It's not necessarily, “I don't believe it” as much as it is
“How could that happen - that's just too cool to be true” - “I'm sure”

Romans 6:5-7

For if we have been **planted together** in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his **resurrection**: :6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should no longer serve sin. :7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

WHAT IS THE RESURRECTION?

1c.) It's a physical - bodily reconstruction

1 Corinthians 15:50-52

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. :51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed :52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be **changed**.

It's the **re-gathering**, the **re-assembling**,
the **re-construction** of your physical body

Think of your current condition, as “who” you are
As being a data gatherer and storer. You're growing everyday with more and more information and understanding about the Lord and life...

The knowledge doesn't affect this device, but it does make it very valuable because of what it contains.

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. :7 **But we have this treasure in earthen vessels**, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

In The Resurrection, What The Body Held Inside - Comes Out
It's put on display!!!

THE RESURRECTION FACTOR - CHANGE YOU CAN BELIEVE IN

2.) When will the resurrection happen? v.34-36

:34 Jesus answered and said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. :35 But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, **neither marry nor are given in marriage**; :36 **nor can they die anymore**, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

Understand This - There are “Multiple” Resurrections in Scripture
“remember - it’s nothing for God to raise the dead”

There are “Old Testament” Resurrections in Scripture.

1 Kings 17 – Elijah @ Zarephath

There are “Individual” Resurrections - like the widow at Nain

Luke 7 – The widow @ Nain

There are “Group” Resurrections in Scripture

Matthew 27 – The dead raised at his death & resurrection

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. :51 ¶ Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, :52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; :53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

WHEN WILL THE RESURRECTION HAPPEN?

2a.) Seconds before the Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. :14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. :15 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.

2b.) Then at the Second Coming of Christ

All those Christians who will be persecuted to death and beheaded will be resurrected at the Second Coming of Christ.

Revelation 20:4b

...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 (666) on their foreheads or on their hands.

2c.) And finally at the Great White Throne judgment

There Will be one Last and Final “Resurrection”

that is a very Terrible and Tragic Affair. It’s What’s Called “**The Resurrection of the Damned, The Second Death, or The Great White Throne Judgment**”
It will happen at the end of Christ’s Reign on Earth

Revelation 20:6

Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the **first resurrection**. Over such the **second death** (*resurrection of the dead*) has no power

{born once, die twice. born twice, die once}

Daniel 12:2

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
Some to everlasting life, And some to everlasting shame & contempt.

Revelation 20:7,11-15

Now when the thousand years have ended..., **11** Then I saw a **great white throne** and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. **:12** And I saw **the dead**, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is **the Book of Life**. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. **:13** The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up **the dead** who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. **:14** Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is **the second death**. **:15** And anyone not found written in **the Book of Life** was cast into the lake of fire.

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.

Those at The Great White Throne

Revelation 20:5

But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.

THE RESURRECTION FACTOR - CHANGE YOU CAN BELIEVE IN

3.) How will the resurrection affect you? v.37-40

3a.) It will be all powerful

:37 But even **Moses showed in the burning bush passage** that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord **“the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”** :38 **For He is not the God of the dead - but of the living**, for all live to Him.”
:39 Then some of the scribes answered and said, “Teacher, You have spoken well.”
:40 But after that they dared not question Him anymore.

This is a powerful declaration by the Lord.

Jesus Christ Himself says that God has, to this very hour, an ongoing, living relationship with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob...

38 For He is not the God of the dead - but of the living, for all live to Him.”

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to ***a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,***

God does not hang out with dead people.

there's no life there. He can be found among the living – all three of these guys are alive with Him!

what assurance do we have?

1 Corinthians 6:14

By his power God raised the Jesus Christ from the dead, **and he will raise us also.**

Your New Resurrection Body

will have eyes that will allow you to see the Lord face to face.

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. :3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Resurrection: A Total Transformation

1 Corinthians 15:53-57

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. :54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, **then shall be brought to pass the saying** that is written: “*Death is swallowed up in victory.*” :55 “*O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?*” :56 The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. :57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

HOW WILL THE RESURRECTION AFFECT YOU?

3b.) It will be all changing

1 Corinthians 15:50

Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God;**

There will be an extreme change!

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed - - :52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

HOW WILL THE RESURRECTION AFFECT YOU ?

3c.) It will be all complete

1 Corinthians 15:35-44

But someone will say, “How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?” :36 Don’t be foolish, 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 (heavenly) bodies and terrestrial (earthly) 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.

“Frankly my friend - you’re not dressed for heaven right now”
your “physical, bodily clothing”, your skin – won’t work there!

I WANT TO REPEAT A KEY PASSAGE HERE

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.

Which Resurrection Will You Choose for Yourself?

“Done good vs. done evil”

John 6:28-29

Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?” :29 Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

Acts 16:30-31

And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” :31 So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved,

————— *End of Study* —————