

Resurrection (not Rapture) & Begotten (or Born Again)

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I. Israel:

- a. **Numbers 11:12** “*Have I conceived these people? Have I begotten them..*”

II. Resurrection during the time of Christ:

- a. **John 11:14-44** Resurrection of Lazarus by Jesus Christ and expressed belief in a Resurrection.
- b. **Matthew 27:52** Christ’s death on the cross and the saints that slept were resurrected.
- c. **John 5: 25-29** Expressed belief in a Resurrection. The hour is coming in which those who hear the Son of God shall have a “*resurrection of life*” and those who do evil shall have a “*resurrection of damnation*”
- d. **Matthew 22:23-33** Expressed belief in a Resurrection.
- e. **Acts 23:1-11** I am a Pharisee ... of hope resurrection

III. The time period called resurrection:

- a. **Matthew 22:28** “*in the resurrection*”
- b. **Mark 12:23** “*in the resurrection*”
- c. **Luke 14:14** “*at the resurrection of the just*”
- d. **Luke 20:33** “*in the resurrection of the dead*”
- e. **John 11:24** “*in the resurrection of the last days*”
- f. **1 Corinthians 15:12-19** If we believe that Christ arose from the dead we must believe in the resurrection of the dead otherwise our faith is vain and we are false witnesses.

IV. Doctrine of the Resurrection:

- a. **Acts 17:18, 32** Teaching “*Jesus and the resurrection*” and “*resurrection of the dead*”
- b. **Acts 24:15, 21** “*resurrection of the dead*” and “*touching the resurrection of the dead*”
- c. **Hebrews 6:2** Doctrine of the “*resurrection of the dead*”
- d. **Acts 4:2** Teaching “*Jesus the resurrection of the dead*”

V. When was Christ begotten of God?

- a. **Psalms 2:7 & Acts 13:33 & Hebrew 1:5 & Hebrew 5:5** “*This day I have begotten thee.*”
- b. **Acts 13:33-35** Christ was begotten the day of his resurrection => He was begotten of God thus born of the Spirit.
- c. **Romans 1:3-4** Christ declared to be the Son of God by his resurrection of the dead
- d. Only Begotten:
 1. **John 1:14-18** Christ the “*first born of many brethren*”
 2. **John 3:16-18** Christ, God’s “*only begotten son*”
- e. First Born of the Dead:
 1. **Romans 8:29** Christ became the “*first born of many brethren*”
 2. **Colossian 1:15** Christ “*firstborn of every creature*”
 3. **Colossians 1:18** Christ “*head of the Church*” and “*firstborn of the dead*”
 4. **Hebrews 1:6** “*When he bringeth the first born into the world...*”
 5. **Revelations 1:5** Christ the “*first begotten of the dead*”
- f. First Fruits:
 1. **1 Corinthians 15:20** Christ has risen from the dead and became the “*first fruits of them who slept*”
 2. **1 Corinthians 15:23** Christ of the first fruit

VI. Doctrine of Resurrection of the Dead is: (Read 1 Corinthians 15; Romans 6:1-14)

- a. **2 Timothy 2:17-18** Some have erred in teaching the resurrection has passed already
- b. Therefore Christ is the firstborn of the dead, then those IN Christ will receive the resurrection:
 1. **John 11:21-28** “*I am the resurrection and the life*” and “*I know he shall rise again ...*”
 2. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** Dead in Christ shall rise first, that we who are alive shall be caught up with him
 3. **Romans 6:1-10** buried with him in this death and raised in the likeness of his resurrection
 4. **Romans 8:21-24** “*first fruits of the spirit*” and waiting the adoption and redemption of the body
 5. **1 Corinthians 15:20-22** In Adam is death and in Christ is resurrection
 6. **Philippians 3:10-14** To know Christ, his suffering and power of resurrection that I (Paul) might obtain the resurrection of the dead

- c. These resurrected shall be Begotten of God and receive Perfect Spiritual Bodies:
1. **1 Peter 1:3-5** Begotten us to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus to and inheritance of incorruptible bodies
 2. **1 John 4:7-10** God manifested his love toward us by sending ... son so we may live through him.
 3. **James 1:16-21** so we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures
 4. **Romans 8:28-30** The elect of God will be conformed to the image of his son
 5. **1 Corinthians 15:42-50** Those resurrected will be resurrected into incorruptible, spiritual bodies
 6. **1 John 2:3-4** we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments
 7. **1 John 5:16-18** Who ever is born of God does not commit sin
 8. **Romans 6:1-10** By baptism we are dead with Christ and alive with Christ and the body of sin is destroyed and sin no longer has any dominion

d. Those with perfect bodies will enter the City:

God's covenanted people or God's elect that are in Christ will be resurrected. To be resurrected is to be made perfect. To be made perfect is to be begotten of God. To be begotten of God is to be born again. To be born again is to be born of the spirit. To be born of the spirit is to be able to enter the kingdom of God.

1. **John 3:1-22**
 - a. Verse 5 Born of the Water => Baptism of the sign of the New Covenant
Born of the Spirit => Born again or resurrected
 - b. Verse 6 Born of the flesh is flesh => Earthly body
Born of the Spirit is Spirit => Spiritual body
 - c. Verse 7 you must be "born again" to enter the kingdom of God

VIII. End Times: (Read **Revelation 20-21**)

- a. First Resurrection:
 1. Those that are resurrected are blessed for they shall not see the second death
 2. Those who are resurrected will reign with Christ for a 1000 years
 3. Satan shall be chained for the 1000 years
 4. The dead shall remain dead
 5. Assume to the Just (elect):
 - (a) **Luke 14:14** "*the resurrection of the just*"
 - (b) **Hebrews 11:35** "*so they may receive a better resurrection*"
 - (c) **Acts 24:15** "*resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust*"
 - (d) **1 Peter 1:3-5** "*faith unto salvation to be revealed in the last days*"
- b. Great White Throne Judgement:
 1. Satan is released and cast into the lake of fire forever and forever (**Revelations 20:10**)
 2. Death and hell delivered up the dead in them
 - (a) Assumed those who didn't receive the resurrection before 1000 years
 - (b) Resurrection of the unjust
 - (c) This being the second resurrection since there was a "*first resurrection*" (**Revelations 20:5**)
 - (d) **Acts 24:15** "*resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust*"
 - (e) **Hebrews 6:2** "*resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment*"
 3. Those that are not in the lamb's book of life (unjust) shall be cast in the lake of fire
 - (a) **Matthew 3:11** Baptism of fire
 4. Death and hell are cast into the lake of fire
 5. Why would the unsaved be resurrected?
 - (a) Unsaved are already judged
 - (b) **John 3:18** "*he does not believe is condemned already*"
 - (c) **Luke 16:19-31** The rich man being in torment look to Lazarus being in paradise
- c. New Heaven and New Earth:
 1. No more death
- d. New Jerusalem:
 1. The nations of the saved live in the light of Christ => assumed to be those who didn't receive the first resurrection, who did receive the great white judgment and not in the lamb's book of life (the unfaithful or unjust)
 2. "They" whose name is in the lamb's book of life bring the honor of the kings of the nations into the New Jerusalem so that nothing defiled enters the city => assumed to be the elect (faithful or just)