

## Bible Training Institute

*To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world*

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## Eschatology 3

### Resurrections and Judgments Individual Eschatology

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## The Progressive Revelation of Resurrection

- The resurrection was taught in general terms in the OT—Job 19:25-26; Exod 3:6; Ps 16:10-11; Isaiah 26:19; Dan 12:1-2.
- Christ amplified the understanding of the resurrection—John 5:28-29
- Christ demonstrated resurrection—1 Cor 15:20
- Doctrine of the resurrection explained in detail by the Apostle Paul—1 Cor 15:12-58; 1 Thess 4:13-17

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**The Order of Resurrection**

1. Christ, the Firstfruits—1 Cor 15:20
2. Those who belong to Christ at his coming—1 Cor 15:23
3. Two witnesses in the Tribulation—Rev 11:11-12
4. OT Saints at end of Tribulation—Dan 12:1-2
5. Tribulation Martyrs at end of Tribulation—Rev 20:4
6. The Wicked—Rev 20:11-14

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**The Order of Resurrection**

6. The Wicked—Rev 20:11-14 (con'd)
  - **Time**—end of the Millennium (Rev 20:5) at Great White Throne Judgment
  - **Names**
    - Resurrection of the unjust—Acts 24:15
    - Resurrection of judgment” John 5:29
  - **Persons involved**—all the unsaved people of all of human history—Rev 20:10-15
  - **Results:**
    - Unsaved judged according to works—Rev 20:12-13
    - Constitutes the “second death”
    - Spiritual death is continued and made permanent. Physical death is repeated and made permanent (BUT—possible use of resurrection body to experience judgment)
    - First death—cast into hades at physical death; Second death—cast into the Lake of Fire after the resurrection and judgment

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**Resurrection Body of the Saints**

- Patterned after Christ’s body—Phil 3:21; 1 John 3:2; 1 Cor 15:49
- Genuine body—Luke 24:39-41
- Related somehow to your current body—1 Cor 15:36-38; Job 19:25-26
- Incorruptible and glorious—1 Cor 15:42-43
- A spiritual body—1 Cor 15:44

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**Judgments**

- Nature of Judgment
  - PURPOSE: Reveal the works of the individual and reward him accordingly, not to determine one's destiny (this is already determined by the time judgment occurs)
  - Jesus Christ is the judge
    - In a general sense, God is the judge of all—Heb 12:23
    - The mediating judge in the final judgments is Jesus Christ—John 5:22

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**General Judgment View**

- No separate believer's judgment—just one resurrection and judgment at the Second Coming
- SO: Judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10), Judgment Seat of God (Rom 14:10), are both the same at the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev 20:11-15)
- Supported by John 5:28-29—BUT note the use of "hour" in John 4:21-23
- Supported by Sheep/Goat judgment (Matt 25)—BUT note the location differences between Matt 25 and Rev 20.
- CONCLUSION: Multiple Judgments

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**Eschatological Judgments**

- The Judgment Seat of Christ—Rom 14:10-12; 1 Cor 3:10 - 4:5; 2 Cor 5:1 - 10
- Judgment of Tribulation Saints—Rev 20:4-6
- Judgment of OT Saints—Dan 12:1-2
- Judgment of Living Israel -
  - ✓ National Revival—Zech 12:10
  - ✓ Judgment in the Wilderness—Ezek 20:33-38
  - ✓ Rebellious Jews separated and killed while 1/3 survive the Tribulation and judgment (Zech 13:8-9)
  - ✓ Believing Jews illustrated by five virgins of Matt 25

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### Eschatological Judgments (con'd)

- Judgment of Gentile Nations—Joel 3:1-2; Matt 25:31-46 (Sheep/Goat)
- Judgment of Satan and Fallen Angels—Rev 12:7-9; Rev 20:1-3; 7-10
- Great White Throne Judgment of All Wicked—Rev 20:11-15
- Judgment of the Heavens and Earth—2 Peter 3:10
- NOTE: Order of the last two is debatable

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### Individual Eschatology (Brief Summary)

- Nature of Death
  - ✓ Separation—Gen 35:18; Luke 23:46; Acts 7:59; James 2:26
  - ✓ Three kinds of death
    1. Spiritual death—Eph 2:1ff
    2. Physical death—James 2:26
    3. Eternal death—Rev 20:14

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### Significance of Death

To Old Covenant Saints	To New Covenant Saints
Dreadful experience—Isaiah 38:10; Job 10:20-222; Heb 2:14-15	No longer feared—Rom 8:2; 1 Cor 15:53-57
Fear of death somewhat alleviated by initial revelation of resurrection—Job 19:25-26; Isaiah 26:19; Dan 12:1-2	Means of entering the presence of Christ—2 Cor 5:8
Looked forward to eternal life after resurrection—Heb 11:16	Christ's example gives confidence—1 Cor 15:20
	Mystery/difficulty softened by biblical pictures: "sleep"—1 Cor 15:51; "Taking down a tent"—2 Cor 5:1; "coming home"—2 Cor 5:6-8
	Death is not inevitable—1 Cor 15:51-52

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### Intermediate State

- Definition: Conscious existence of the godly/ungodly between physical death and resurrection
- Biblical Terms
  - Sheol—65x in OT
  - Hades—10-11x in NT
  - Sheol/Hades defined basically the same way—Ps 16:10; Acts 2:27, 31
  - Other terms: Abraham’s Bosom/Side (Luke 16:22); Paradise (Luke 23:43); Lowest Sheol (Deut 32:22); Heaven
    1. First heaven—Gen 7:11-12
    2. Second heaven—Gen 1:14-17
    3. Third heaven—2 Cor 12:2 (where God dwells)

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### Intermediate State (con'd)

- Intermediate State of the Believer
  - ✓ Nothing can separate from Christ—Rom 8:38-39
  - ✓ Death brings them immediately to Christ’s presence—2 Cor 5:6-8; Phil 1:21-23
  - ✓ Intermediate state is preferable to this life—Phil 1:23
  - ✓ State of resting (not inactivity)—Rev 14:13
  - ✓ State of incompleteness, awaiting resurrection—1 Thess 4:16-17)
  - ✓ Rewards not yet distributed—2 Tim 4:8
  - ✓ May or may not have an intermediate body—Moses/Elijah at transfiguration; Luke 16?

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### Intermediate State (con'd)

- Intermediate State of the unbeliever
  - ✓ Sheol or Hades (sometimes translated Hell) is a place of present torment—Luke 16:23
    - Includes unmet desires, pain, infinite despair, memory
  - ✓ In the future, Sheol/Hades will be placed in the Lake of Fire, which is clearly the place of eternal punishment—Rev 20:10ff

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