**Eschatology Part 12**

**The Resurrection of the Dead**

**A. When Will the Resurrection Take Place?**

**1. At the glorious return of Christ:**

* **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.
* **1 Thess. 4:16** 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.
* **1 Cor. 15:52** 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.
* **Phil. 3:20-21** For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21**who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.
* **1 Cor. 15:23** But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ’s at His coming.

**2. Both the Righteous and the Lost will be raised together**

* See **John 5:28-29** above
* **Daniel 12:2** And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,  
  Some to everlasting life, some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.
* **Acts 24:15-16** I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of *the* dead, both of *the* just and *the* unjust. **16**This *being* so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

**B. What Will the Resurrected Bodies of the Righteous be Like?**

**1. 1 Corinthians 15:35-58**

a. What are the illustrations Paul uses in vs. 35-41 and what is the point in using each of them?

b. In vss. 42-49 He applies these illustrations to the resurrected body:

Sown In: Raised In:

Natural Body: Spiritual Body:

1st Adam: 1st Man: Last Adam: 2nd Man:

c. Vs. 50-58

**C. What About Unbelievers?**

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**Chapter 31: Of the State of Man after Death and the Resurrection of the Dead**

1. The bodies of men after death return to dust, and see corruption; but their souls, which neither die nor sleep, having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them. The souls of the righteous being then made perfect in holiness, are received into paradise, where they are with Christ, and behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies; and the souls of the wicked are cast into hell; where they remain in torment and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day; besides these two places, for souls separated from their bodies, the Scripture acknowledgeth none. ( [Genesis 3:19](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Genesis%203.19); [Acts 13:36](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2013.36); [Ecclesiastes 12:7](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ecclesiastes%2012.7); [Luke 23:43](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Luke%2023.43); [2 Corinthians 5:1](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Corinthians%205.1), [6](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Corinthians%205.6),[8](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Corinthians%205.8); [Philippians 1:23](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Philippians%201.23); [Hebrews 12:23](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Hebrews%2012.23); [Jude 6](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jude%206), [7](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jude%201.7); [1 Peter 3:19](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Peter%203.19); [Luke 16:23](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Luke%2016.23), [24](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Luke%2016.24) )

2. At the last day, such of the saints as are found alive, shall not sleep, but be changed; and all the dead shall be raised up with the selfsame bodies, and none other; although with different qualities, which shall be united again to their souls forever. ( [1 Corinthians 15:51](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Corinthians%2015.51), [52](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Corinthians%2015.52); [1 Thessalonians 4:17](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Thessalonians%204.17); [Job 19:26](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Job%2019.26), [27](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Job%2019.27); [1 Corinthians 15:42](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Corinthians%2015.42), [43](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Corinthians%2015.43) )

3. The bodies of the unjust shall, by the power of Christ, be raised to dishonour; the bodies of the just, by his Spirit, unto honour, and be made conformable to his own glorious body. ( [Acts 24:15](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2024.15); [John 5:28](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%205.28), [29](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%205.29); [Philippians 3:21](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Philippians%203.21) )

**Application:**

**A. The Blessed Hope of the Christian is the coming of the Lord and our being raised to share His glory**

* **Titus 2:11-14** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **12**teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **13**looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, **14**who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.
* **Col. 3:4** When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.
* **Phil 3:20-21** For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21**who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.
* **Romans 8:18-25** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. **19**For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. **20**For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; **21**because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. **22**For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. **23**Not only *that,* but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. **24**For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? **25**But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

**B. The practical outworking in the Christian Life:**

1. Hope… see Rom. 8 above

2. Comfort…. 1 Thess. 4:18 “Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

3. Steadfastness and labor for the Lord…1 Cor. 15:58

4. Holiness….see Titus 2 above