

# THE FIRST AND SECOND RESURRECTION

## JESUS'S REFERENCE TO TWO TYPES OF RESURRECTION

Jesus said that the hour is coming and now is when the dead in their graves will hear the voice of truth proceeding from the son of God, and those who have done good will be resurrected unto life while those who have done evil will be resurrected unto damnation.

**John 5:25-29** Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. 26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

One thing is clear from this statement, that is, the voice of truth proceeding from the heart of the Father through the son, causes an awakening in all who hear the voice. All who hear the voice of the Son of God are actually shipped into a new reality called the last day or the day of the Lord. The voice of truth dispels the ignorance in the hearts of men so that even those who rebel against the truth are without excuse. Once the truth has been brought forth for all to see, the darkness is dispelled causing men to now enter into a new reality called the last day.

That last day is an eternal day embedded in the knowledge of Christ, it comes only as the revelation knowledge of Christ, and the Father shines forth. The last day is that same eternal day of the Lord that was before man in His Adam-like shift descended into the abyss of lies that constitute this present age where there is no knowledge of the living God. Man descended into the grave where knowledge of the truth seized so that he sees the creation in the carnal light of His understanding and therefore served and worshiped the creature more than God. Men in their vain

imaginary world have lived in relation to idols projected from their beastly imprinted minds and brought forth poison unto their sorrow and misery. All men in their mortal existence are lairs [Psalm 116:11], because their mind of understanding has been so veiled so that they see and live after this material age not understanding the originality of things created.

Jesus came to testify of the truth and to reveal our part in the truth; he came to open our eyes of understanding so that we can come out of the limitedness of the graveyard of our human existence and enter into a broad unlimited realm where life and liberty flows to the fullest. The Father sent him so that all men should hear Him and obey Him unto life. Anyone who hears the voice of the Son of man actually hears the voice of the Father that says "kiss and submit to the son lest He be angry" [Psalm 2:10-12]. Subjecting to and uniting in the knowledge of ourselves in the son who is from the beginning, is life; on the other hand living a life outside of knowledge of ourselves in the son is death. The will of the Father is to gather all men back into one in His only son from whence they have fallen. The knowledge of the son and the Father is truth; this is the only thing that remains eternally, it is a mysterious union and fellowship that has been even before this material world came to existence.

As the truth flows forth, the eternal seat of God's Judgment becomes known so that men who hearken to the truth and submit to the son, pass over to eternal life, they pass over from death into life; they pass over from condemnation unto justification; from sorrow and gloominess into joy and gladness. It is God's righteous judgment and reward towards the obedient that lifts them out of the limitedness and tribulation found in the miry clay (flesh and blood) and sets their feet on the rock of all ages.

Those who hear the truth however and disobey the word of conformation unto the son who is in the image of the invisible and immortal God are resurrected into damnation. It is a state where the rebellious sink further down the pit of destruction because all that which is known of the living God is revealed and they reject it preferring to hang on to the lie. Therefore, the undiluted indignation of God is unleashed in their bodies so that they find no rest for their souls day and night as long as they refuse the son. Paul calls it the wrath of God revealed from Heaven.

**Romans 1:18-20 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the**

**truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**

As long as a man has not truly heard the truth or has no understanding of the invisible things of God, he really cannot be blamed one hundred percent for His sinful nature. On the other hand, when the truth is revealed from heaven from the Father of all spirits all men are required to obey and walk in that very truth to the degree with which they have received that truth. Men who reject the truth after it has been made manifest to them, become accountable for their deeds in relation to how much they have heard and perceived the truth.

If I was to go to a country like Singapore, and I have no idea of what they have as their law and I throw a piece of paper on the floor and get arrested, I might get a much more lenient penalty than the citizens of the land who know that littering public places could attract large fines and even jail sentences. Therefore, the measure of damnation and conviction of sin that man reaps is a function of how he hears the truth and conforms Himself to that truth. That is why Jesus says to whom much is given, much is expected, the more one gets revelation of the truth, the greater damnation he gets when He deviates from it [**Luke 12:47-48**]. The will of God is that through the truth all men should be saved; meaning that all men should conform to the truth. That truth is that one spiritual body of the Son (Christ); in that one spiritual Family named after Christ; with one Father and Mother of all; and one nation. Every man upon the face of the earth must embrace the truth with humility as it is revealed from Heaven. That means that we have to deny the false life after the flesh and blood identity and begin to connect back to our original form in Christ.

The life of the incorruptible inner man is what Jesus came to preach and demonstrate for all men to believe and follow. Jesus did not come to preach and draw men to the flesh and blood identity He wore while on the earth, rather He came to demonstrate that true inner invisible life of the spirit (Christ) of which man in His ignorance, has lost all consciousness. When Jesus says, "follow me", He was speaking from that inner man of the spirit not from His flesh and blood identity, so men should

stop looking out for the flesh body of Jesus of over two thousand years ago. In trying to educate men on this hidden life in Christ and the Father, God has furnished men with gifts of wisdom, spiritual intelligence, miracles, faith etc all with the intention to convince men and draw them unto life in the Son. When men see and hear the testimony of the kingdom manifested through the son, and still reject it, they become guilty. Jesus explained this when He spoke to His disciples prior to His leaving the scene.

**John 15:22-25** If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. **23** He that hateth me hateth my Father also. **24** If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. **25** But *this cometh to pass*, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

In reality, the Son does not condemn anyone; neither does the Father condemn anyone, it is the truth of God that simply pricks the hearts of those who rebel against the truth. That greater condemnation and torment which arises up in men who rebel against the truth, is a function of their conscience so that they find no rest until they obey the truth. Hearing the truth causes the inward man to arise on the inside of us, therefore igniting a war between the false man of the flesh and the inner man. As long as man remains and rebels against the truth, He will find no rest on the inside of Him. Before ignorance of the truth, that wrath exists in a **di-luted** form but it becomes **undiluted** when man hears the truth and deliberately rejects the truth. That is why the state of those who reject the message of truth becomes worse than it was before they heard it.

John the Apostle wrote that we should strive to confess the son and abide in Him and in His love so that we do not fall in the judgment.

**1John 4:15-19** Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. **16** And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. **17** Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love; but perfect

**love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 19 We love him, because he first loved us.**

The Day of Judgment is now as we hear the voice of the son of man revealing the truth as it was from the beginning. If we confess the son in us and dwell in the knowledge of Him, who is from the beginning our love is then made perfect and we live without fear of judgment unto condemnation but we are rewarded with life in the son. On hearing the truth, we constantly stand before the judgment seat of God as long as we align ourselves in the truth we will never fall into judgment unto condemnation. Abiding in the truth produces the love and innocence manifested only in the uncorrupted seed of Christ. This seed is not veiled by the elements of the world but sees only the Father and the Son. Those who fail to see the Father and the son in the whole creation are blinded by the darkness of this world and there is no way they can manifest the pure undiluted love of God. The hate and intolerance that men manifest is simply because of their abiding in an image outside the invisible image of the Christ. As long as men walk in self made imaginary images after the flesh they cannot manifest that bond of love and purity that John spoke about; meaning that they fall in judgment. If on the other hand we dwell firmly in the knowledge of the true invisible and incorruptible identity within us, we can never fall in judgment unto condemnation because that type of judgment is only against the lie.

Paul once wrote that He labored in his body to be always in agreement with the Lord because we appear before His judgment seat to receive our just reward.

**2Corinthians 5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 9 Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.**

We are constantly appearing before the judgment seat after we hear the truth to get our reward whether it is good or bad. Good as we know,  
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is walking according to the spirit (Christ), while bad is walking according to the lie, which is the flesh. While men who obey the truth to conform to the Christ are exalted into eternal life, those who rebel against the truth, are convicted of their sin, chained and cast into spiritual prison cells in the dark places of the earth by their consciences, where they remain tormented and condemned in their hearts by the truth proceeding from the Christ. Fighting against the truth is like tying a big stone round the neck and jumping into the depths of the sea where there is thick darkness [Matthew 18:6]. This portrays the bottomless and lower realms of existence that go further away from the light (truth) where there is no knowledge of the living God, it is the outer darkness of torment and anguish of soul for those who hang on to the lie. As long as men rebel against the truth and decide to walk after a mortal image as against the true immortal image of God, their true image, they constantly slip down into destruction and terrors.

#### DANIEL'S REVELATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Daniel the prophet also saw the great judgment that occurs at the end time. What is the end time? It is the same as the last day when the truth is revealed, because after the truth is revealed there can be no other day since all that needs to be known is made manifest. Daniel saw the Great prince Michael standing to deliver the elect of God, this are those whose names are found in the book. The great prince Michael is the mighty one that has been from the beginning with the Father. In this present age, we call Him Christ Jesus, but we should be aware of the fact that he was even before names ever existed. The great prince is the mighty spirit of Christ standing up to deliver the elect of God. The ones to be delivered are the ones who are inscribed into the body of Christ by faith; they are the ones who hear the truth and obey the truth by obediently and patiently allowing that innocent eternal seed to reign in them. These are those who leave off the lie of the flesh identity that lives in relation to this material world and connect back to their spiritual identity of the Son who is before all.

**Daniel 12:1-5** And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even to*

that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. 3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. 4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. 5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

Daniel mentions the two different resurrections hundreds of years before the coming of Christ without even knowing what He was saying. He says those (all not some) who sleep in dust of carnal ignorance will awaken as the great prince moves into action. The great prince (Christ) awakens men by testifying of the truth, which sets the wise and obedient free unto eternal life, while it judges the foolish and disobedient with shame and contempt. In the resurrection while some ascend up into the heavens to shine like stars in the firmament of the heavens, some are clothed with shame and contempt so that they slip further and further away from their source of life into an ever-greater wilderness condition.

### DEMONSTRATION OF ADAM STANDING BEFORE THE JUDGEMENT

When men hear of judgment in this age, they remember the court-houses, the judges, lawyers, the accuser(s), the witnesses, the defendant(s) etc. If the defendant fails to prove His innocence before the court He is given a sentence which can be anything from a fine to jail sentences and possibly death for high level crimes. All those things we see in this natural world are a reflection of that one true invisible court of judgment in the spirit.

The problem with man living after the carnal senses is that he expects that things, which pertain to the eternal judgment, will be at some place somewhere in the sky where men will stand before a big judgment seat. Religion taught us that as the judgment is read, the good will be taken to a part in the sky where they will meet Jesus along with all the righteous

saints. Traditional religion also teaches us that evil men, or those who do not please God will be taken to a lower place where there is a continuous fire burning and they will be tormented forever and ever. All those are false concepts that we must wipe out of our heads and begin to understand what God is saying when he speaks about the resurrection and judgment. We should understand that God is spirit and His judgment is upon the spirits of men; he lives in the realm of the spirit and his kingdom and all that relate to Him who is from the beginning are invincible. If we see some scenes described in the book of revelations, they are simply symbols that describe the invisible things of God.

Many are not aware that the first judgment recorded in the bible is the judgment meted out to Adam. In plain words, Adam did evil by receiving the lie propagated by the carnal senses represented by the serpent into sowing to the flesh. He exchanged the truth of God that He is, for the lie. Shortly after, He hid himself from the voice of the Lord, as it walked in the garden. That voice of the Lord is the voice of truth that now turned into a seat of Judgment before Adam. That voice of the Lord had been there all along even before he transgressed; as long as Adam walked in the truth, he was in perfect harmony with the voice of God within Him in a spiritual environment called Eden.

**Genesis 3:7** And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. **8** And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. **9** And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou? **10** And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself. **11** And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

In His transgression however, Adam heard the voice of God from without as one out to judge Him and punish Him for His transgression. Adam out of an evil conscious of guilt and sin now started to live in fear of God's judgment and therefore shrunk from God's presence and starts to hide Himself from God. He could not stand in the Day of Judgment, which is the day of truth. Let us understand that this is a spiritual reality that occurred on the inside of Adam; it is all about conscience and faith towards God. If we keep ourselves in the truth not being moved by the



temptations of this world for vain glory, then our conscience is clear before Him and we walk in boldness before Him from whom all blessings flow. If we walk contrary to the truth, then in the imagination of our hearts we behold a judgmental God and fall away from His presence into the curse, because blessing are found only in His presence.

The voice of the Son of God which Jesus makes reference to in **John 5:25-29** is that same voice of God that walked in the garden of Eden, because the voice of the Son of God is actually the Voice of God. It is, a voice that has always been and will always be. As long as we endure the temptations of this present age and maintain ourselves in the original state of truth in Christ, there is no fear and we walk in agreement with God knowing all things are working out for our good because we are pleasing Him. A reflection of the unlimited blessing of man living in the inner Christ identity is seen in the garden-like state called Eden the paradise of God, this is the inheritance of the faithful in God.

In transgression and unfaithfulness, Adam inherited the wages of sin, which is death and tribulation. The voices of curses that Adam heard after His transgression are simply a description of the troubled and anguished state of a man who falls in the judgment. The true and living God does not ever curse nor does He bring calamity upon people; man does all these things unto himself in His transgression. It is so because all faith and boldness towards the true God is lost so that man now has to toil and sweat in His search for peace and satisfaction only to find more sorrow and pain. In His transgression, he reaped damnation and condemnation within His own conscience; the result as we know is a loss of His heritage in light for hell.

**Genesis 3:17** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

In the judgment of what John calls sin unto death, Adam died spiritually and He was reduced to the category of dust where the serpent now rules over Him.

I used the Adam experience to demonstrate that the judgment of God is a spiritual phenomenon, which occurs within men as they hear and stand before the truth. Those who agree with the Lord and the truth, are resurrected into life and maintained in that life of God as they continue in the truth; while those who hear the truth and are unfaithful fall unto spiritual death in the judgment.

### THE FIRST RESURRECTION AS DESCRIBED BY THE BOOK OF REVELATIONS

In the book of revelations, these two types of resurrection realities are mentioned. There is the first resurrection which amounts to reigning in life and glory in Christ. The second resurrection amounts to the second death, where the enemies of God (death, the flesh and lies) and subjected to the eternal consuming effect of the fire of God's truth. We can be rest assured that as the truth of God unfolds, the lies of the devil will all be consumed until they are no more, it does not matter if it takes scores or even hundreds of years, the truth will prevail. Like Paul says, we cannot do anything against the truth but be for it.

John saw a vision of those who have the victory over the Devil; He saw an angel appear from heaven with the keys to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand with which He bound the serpent or the devil or Satan for a thousand years. Those who had labored in the Lord by losing their heads for the testimony of the truth (Christ), ruled and reigned during this thousand years. This is referred to as the first resurrection. Let us read these lines from the book of revelation carefully.

**Revelations 20:1-6** And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be

**fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

As I have mentioned several times we should first understand that the terms used in the book of revelation are simply prophetic. They cannot be expressed by mere carnal human understanding. All these are allegories and a combination of codes that can be unlocked only by the spiritual mind of God, which is at our disposal by the spirit of truth.

God uses **Revelations 20:1-6** to describe the fact that the Devil has no more place in our lives as the message of truth comes to bind him and set us free. The key to the bottomless pit is the key of understanding and truth which loosens us completely from the sin consciousness that the devil has infected men with; it loosens us from the fear of the unknown and restore comforts and boldness in to us as sons of God in Christ. The devil is that one that works through the conscience of men and accuses them day and night before God so that they lose all boldness and power to work in the presence of the Father. The voice of accusation is that same voice from a defiled conscience that came alive on the inside of Adam, when he transgressed in the garden. When Adam transgressed, what really happened is that an imaginary endless resource referred to as the bottomless pit opened up on the inside of Him, and out of the bottomless pit came forth the voice of the accuser who robbed Adam of his inheritance as son of God in power and glory. As truth comes forth in the form of knowledge of ourselves as Christ the son of the living God, that imaginary pit that has brought nightmares to man in His mortal experience, is completely sealed and ceases to be, therefore causing the faithful to go back to their rest and glory in God.

One thousand years popularly known as the millennium is not a literal one thousand years, as we know in this world. It is an innumerable number of years used to describe the reign of Christ, as long as you have

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overcome the wicked one and are abiding in the resurrection of the just, you are living the thousand years. The thousand years never finishes except one falls from the grace that is in Christ Jesus; any man that finds Himself in Christ is in the company of one out of a thousand [Job 33:23].

Those worthy to partake in this symbolic thousand years reign are those who have wrought good works in the Lord. These good works can be achieved, only as we lose our heads for the testimony of Christ, and reject to serve the image of the beast and reject His mark on our forehead. Losing our heads means, we hold on to the true head, which is Christ, and we speak from His mind no more ours according to the flesh, because He is the truth and he witnesses only truth. We reject worship of the image of the beast and His mark as we lay down our lives and our thoughts on the altar of God so that it is no more us but the Christ that speaks and works through us. The beast and its image is that carnal self and flesh identity which man projects and worships as God.

Jesus once referred to this when he says that those who have left all to follow the Christ in the regeneration will seat upon thrones of kings ruling and judging over all. They also inherit hundredfold, brethren of all that they left in this material world.

**Matthew 19:27-30** Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. 30 But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last *shall be* first.

Following Christ in the regeneration is allowing the spirit to transform us from that beastly carnal identity we have worn in this age into that original immortal, incorruptible spiritual image of the Son of God that is from the beginning. Those who follow the Christ by leaving all they have acquired in this material world unto themselves will be the ones to reign in life over all. YES, THE FIRST SHALL BE THE LAST AND THE LAST SHALL BE THE FIRST, MEANING THAT THE END OF THE FAITH

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FOLLOWED THE SON IN THE REGENERATION IS THE RESTORATION TO THEIR ORIGINAL FORM EXACTLY THE WAY THEY WERE IN THE BEGINNING WITH THE FATHER.

Man walking in darkness has all along been worshipping the creature more than the creator without knowing it. They have foolishly changed the truth of God into the lie in the form of the earthly carnal mortal man of the dust and have worshiped Him neglecting the true immortal and invisible God on the inside of themselves. Those who recognize this abomination and stand their ground in refusing to worship this image of the beast will reap resurrection unto life found within the confines of the 1000 years.

The bible says blessed are those who partake of the first resurrection, because the second death has no power over them. The bible is categorically saying here that those who reign in the first resurrection are actually those ruling and reigning in Christ in the thousand years. The bible further calls them blessed saying that second death has no power over these ones. If there is a second death then there is a first death, and the first death goes hand in hand with the first resurrection.

Those who die the first death unto the first resurrection are those who faithfully die by faith in Christ Jesus. These ones lose their heads (lives) to become witnesses of the truth. The truth is, it is appointed unto man to die once after which, there is the judgment. Christ has died once for all men and now lives to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, all men have to be conformed to His death so that they can also live in the fullness of his glory. If any man however refuses to die the death of the Lord, he falls into judgment called, the second death. Refusing to die by faith to our mortal existence amounts to rejecting the free gift of God unto life. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son to die on our behalf so that we can live in His glory. All who hear the gospel have to be baptized into that same death of Christ by faith so that we can also reign in Him. Those who do not believe the truth and baptize themselves voluntarily unto the death of the Lord will not taste of the salvation described as the first resurrection they will taste of the second resurrection, which is an awakening unto damnation and shame.

**Mark 16:15 -16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

In the next chapter we will see what awaits those who hear the truth and are not experiencing the first resurrection.

