

# Resurrections in Review (1 Cor 15:23)

Resurrection: What and When?

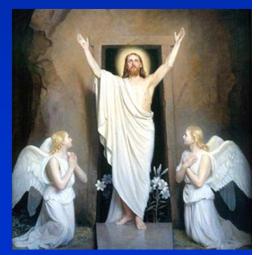
## Preview

- 1. Definition of resurrection
- 2. Demand for resurrection
- 3. Description of resurrection



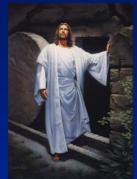
## 1. Definition of Resurrection

- Anthropology-Man is material; immaterial (1 Thess 5:23)
- Death = separation (Matt 27:50; Acts 7:59)
- Resurrection = reunion
- Resurrection is not a resuscitation



#### 2. Demand for Resurrection

• Our need for a resurrected body



We are not currently fit for eternity (1 Cor 15:50)

– Our present bodies are under a curse (Gen 3:19)

• Conclusion-why we yearn for our resurrection body (Job 19:25-27)

## 3. Description of Resurrection

- <u>Comparison to our present bodies</u> (1 Cor 15:42-49)
- Comparison to Christ's resurrection body (1 John 3:2)
  - Similar yet different (John 20:14-16)
  - Physical body (John 20:27; 21:8-15)
  - Capable of communication (Acts 1:1-9)



#### Differences Between the Earthly and Heavenly Bodies (15:42-44)

#### **Earthly Body**

- Perishable
- Lowly

#### • Weak

• Natural

#### **Heavenly Body**

- Imperishable
- Honorable
- Powerful



• Spiritual

### Adam vs. Christ (15:45-49)

- <u>Current body</u>: physical, earthly body proceeding from Adam
- <u>Future body</u>: spiritual, heavenly body proceeding from Christ



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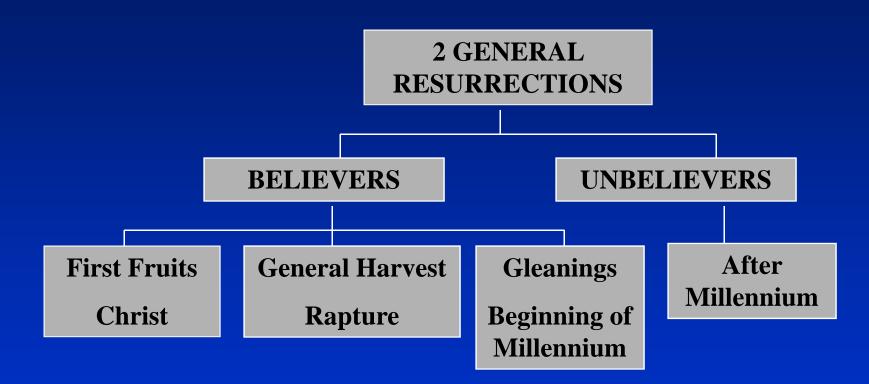


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## Resurrection is the Heart of the Gospel (15:1-11)

• Definition of the Gospel

• Predicted in the Old Testament (1-4)

• Attested to by eyewitnesses (5-11)

## Resurrection of Christ Predicted in the Old Testament (15:1-4)

• Psalm 16:10

• Isaiah 53:10



#### Christ's Resurrection Attested to by Eyewitnesses (15:5-11)

- Cephas (5a)
- The twelve (5b)
- The five hundred (6)
- James (7a)
- The rest of the apostles (7b)
- Paul (8-11)



## Rapture (15:50-58)

- Mystery (51a)
- A generation of Christians to be spared from death (51b)
- Instantaneous (52a)
- Last trump (52b)
- Preparation for eternity (50, 53)
- Victory over death (54-57)
- Positive impact upon daily life (58)



#### Exemption from Death (1 Cor 15:54-56)

- Enoch (Gen 5)
- Elijah (2 Kings 2)
- Christ (Acts 1:11; Rev 12:5)
- Philip (Acts 8)
- Paul (2 Cor 12)
- John (Rev 4:1-2)
- Two witnesses (Rev 11)



## Last Trump?

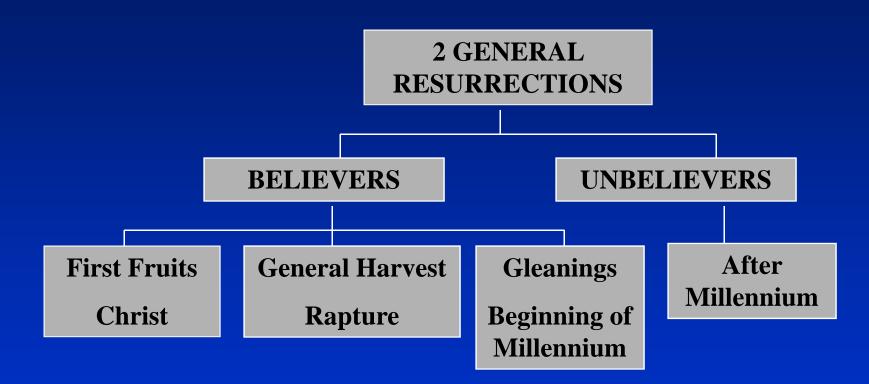
- <u>1 Cor 15:52</u>
- Before wrath
- Trump of God
- Singular trump
- Resurrection
- Glory
- Instantaneous
- Church
- No earthquake
- Last trump of church age

- <u>Rev 11:15</u>
- During wrath
- Angelic trump
- Series of trumps
- No resurrection
- Judgment
- Duration (Rev 10:7)
- Israel/Gentiles
- Earthquake
- e Last trump of a series

Pentecost, Things to Come, 189-91



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## Order or *Tagma* (15:23)

- <u>General</u>: Christ's resurrection (1 Cor 15:23)
- <u>Officer</u>: Rapture (1 Thess 4:13-18)
- <u>Soldiers</u>: OT saints & Tribulation martyrs (Rev 20:4)



• <u>Captives</u>: Unsaved of all ages (Rev 20:5)