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During my many years of attending church services, I have not heard one sermon on the resurrection of humans. Neither do I recall it being mentioned at any of the many funeral services I've attended.



FALSE DOCTRINES

I submit that the reason why the topic is not getting much attention is because of the popular and widespread beliefs of Christendom that undermine the importance of the resurrection.

Yet it is a subject of paramount importance. Paul wrote,

For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen: And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile ... If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of them that have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection [Greek = anastasis – literally "up-standing"] of the dead (I Corinthians 15:16, 19-21 – NKJV throughout unless otherwise indicated).

The false doctrine of the "immortality of the soul" fosters the notion that death is not really death, but merely the death of a person's body. Upon death, the souls of the righteous supposedly go to Heaven and the souls of the unrighteous to Hell. According to this teaching, all that the resurrection entails is that the immortal souls get new bodies, which does not seem to be such a big deal.

This is a typical case where the Word of God is made of no effect because of the traditions of men.

Making the Word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have delivered. And you do many such things (Mark 7:13).

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Resurrection was an important topic for Jesus. On several occasions He referred to it. He said to Martha,

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though He may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this? (John 11:25-26).

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Nowhere does Scripture teach that death is not really death, but life in a different environment. Nowhere does it say that the human soul is immortal. In fact, the contrary is stated in Ezekiel 18:20.

The soul who sins shall die ...

Only Jesus Christ possesses immortality (I Timothy 6:16).

Nowhere does Scripture teach that it is only the dead person's body that died. When Scripture refers to death, it describes it as the death of a person or persons. For example,

Men and brothers, let me freely speak to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us to this day ... For David is not ascended into the heavens ...
(Acts 2:29, 34).

Likewise, nowhere does Scripture refer to the resurrection of a body. It refers to the resurrection of a person or persons.

When Paul the Apostle wrote that *"if in this life only we have hope in Christ we are the most miserable of men,"* he did not contrast this with hope for life immediately after death in Heaven. His topic was the resurrection of the dead.

I CORINTHIANS 15

I Corinthians 15 is the one chapter in the Bible that deals extensively with the topic of resurrection. But as will be explained below, it does not deal with it comprehensively. Yet it is a good starting point. Here we read,

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits ["Firstfruit," CV] of them that slept (:20).

This is where the first enigma occurs. How can Christ be the firstfruit, if others have been resurrected (to vivification) before Him?

The *Concordant Commentary* explains:

Christ was not the first one to be roused from the dead. The prophets, and the Lord Himself, recalled some to life before He Himself suffered death. But He is the first One to be made alive beyond the power of death. All the others were roused to die again. He is the First fruit of those who are vivified, and die no more.

So here we find a distinction between the resurrection from death which endows immortality (vivification) and the resurrection which does not go that far.

To determine whether vivification or resurrection to mortality is meant in any passage dealing with resurrection, it will most times not help to check the original Greek.

The Greek word used for resurrection (*anastasis*) and for risen/raised (*KJV*), roused (*CV*) (*egeirō*) can refer to either. The only Greek word that indicates vivification is *zōopoiēō* (or its variations).¹

The resurrection dealt with in I Corinthians 15 is the resurrection that entails a glorious, spiritual, incorruptible and immortal body – that is, vivification.

1. See my accompanying table (p. 9051) of the resurrections described in Scripture. Note that, according to my present understanding, vivifications are identified in bold type.



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So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is raised in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body ... (:42-44).

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality ... (:53).

Christ, the Firstfruit, is in this chapter called the “the second Man ... the Lord from Heaven” in contrast to Adam, the “first man who was of the earth, made of dust” (:47).

Those who are resurrected as described in this chapter will receive glorious shining bodies, similar to the glorified body of Christ Jesus.

And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man (:49).

This ties in with other Scriptures that say the same thing:

... Christ, Who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body ... (Philippians 3:20-21).

... we know that when He [Christ] is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is (I John 3:2).

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament ... like the stars (Daniel 12:3).

Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father (Matthew 13:43).

Some will have brighter bodies than others. Some will receive and radiate more glory than others.

God gives ... a body as He pleases ... There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead (I Corinthians 15:38, 41-42).

That gives the reason why we read of saints seeking “a better resurrection” in Hebrews 11.

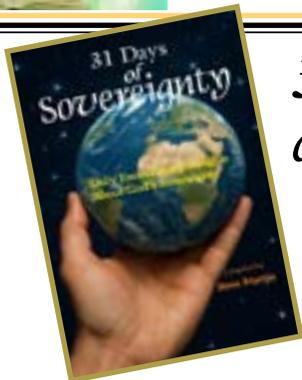
Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a **better resurrection** (Hebrews 11:35).

THE THREE BASIC CATEGORIES OF RESURRECTION

In I Corinthians 15 Paul refers to the three basic categories or occurrences of resurrection.

... For since, in fact, through a man came death, through a Man, also comes the resurrection of the dead. For even as, in Adam, all are dying, thus also, in Christ, shall all be vivified. Yet each in his own class: the Firstfruit, Christ; thereupon those who

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are Christ's in His presence; thereafter the consummation ... For He must be reigning until He should be placing all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy is being abolished; death (:21-27, CV).

Although this does not necessarily mean that there cannot be other instances of resurrection corresponding to God's detailed plan of the future ages, yet, let us consider the three classes mentioned by Paul:

The Firstfruit, Christ: Jesus Christ was the first ever to be vivified – He is before all (Colossians 1:17). Not only is He chronologically the first, but also in rank the Highest (Philippians 2:9-10; Ephesians 1:21). In a sense, we who are part of Christ's One Body are in such a union with Him that we are regarded as one with Christ and part of the Firstfruit, and therefore as if we have already been raised with Him (Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 2:12-13; 3:1-3). We are the "pre-expectant in Christ" (Ephesians 1:12, CV) "who first trusted" (NKJV), being the complement of Christ (Ephesians 1:23), and by God's grace to be vivified at the manifestation of Christ prior to the other two categories mentioned below.

Whenever Christ, our Life, should be manifested, then you also shall be manifested together with Him in glory (Colossians 3:4, CV).

In vivification our bodies will be conformed to His glorious body (Philippians 3:21).

How I'm looking forward to seeing this coming into effect!

Those who belong to Christ at His presence (Greek: *parousia*), i.e., His second coming. This will include those who did not worship the wild beast or its image, and will live and reign with Christ a thousand years (Revelation 20:5).

When death has been abolished. This is when there is no more such a thing as death. That can mean only one thing: All of those who were dead – all of the rest of mankind who had not yet been vivified – will then become alive. Not only will they be made alive, but they will never die again. They will be made immortal.

What will lead to this wonderful event are two major happenings: (1) a momentous resurrection which is not vivification and (2) the Great White Throne Judgment.

A MOMENTOUS RESURRECTION

As mentioned earlier, I Corinthians 15 does not deal comprehensively with the topic of resurrection. For the major resurrection of billions of people, we need to turn to John 5 and the Book of Revelation.

Marvel not at this, for coming is the hour in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice and those who do good shall go out into a resurrection of life, yet those who commit bad things, into a resurrection of judging (John 5:28-29, CV).

One may get the impression here (as well as in Daniel 12:2) that this takes place as one event. However, in accordance with progressive revelation in Scripture, Revelation 20:5 contains an interpolation that puts 1000 years between the resurrection of life and the resurrection of judging. The resurrection of life is before the Millennial Kingdom, while the resurrection of judging is after. It is the rest of the dead, who will stand before the Great White Throne (Revelation 20:11-12).

Then I saw a great white throne and Him Who sat on it ... And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And



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another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books ... each one according to his works. ... And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15).

Let us pause for a moment and give this resurrection some more thought. The people are unbelievers. They are alive after being resurrected, but still described as being the dead. What will go through their minds at that time? Some may have believed in reincarnation – whether into another human body, or as an animal, insect or plant. That clearly did not happen. Some may have thought that they would be angels after death. That clearly did not happen. Or that they would join the realm of the spirits of their ancestors. That clearly did not happen. Some may have believed that their death was their final fate. That clearly did not happen.

All will have no choice but to confess that their beliefs were wrong. Just the fact that they could experience resurrection and notice that it also happened to billions of other people, including their own loved ones and friends, will leave them in awe. They will be made aware that it was through the power of the one true God, and the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that they were brought back to life.

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged each one according to his works ... And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire (Revelation. 20:12-15).

Without going into the details of the debate whether the lake of fire is to be taken literally or not, it can be stated unequivocally that it is not a place of eternal torture. There is not one passage in the Bible that says it is.

All of this will be part and parcel of God continuing His work as Potter in the lives of each of these billions of people, who are to be cast into the lake of fire.

If God knows how much hair is on every person's head (which He does – see Matthew 10:30), then He knows the name, the background, the temperament, personality and the life story of every single human being who has been born and He knows how to deal with each and every one at the time of the Great White Throne Judgment, to purify them and let them be reconciled to Him.

How I'm looking forward to seeing this coming into effect!

The Lake of Fire is described as the Second Death.

Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death (Revelation 20:14).

... the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Revelation 21:8).

Careful analysis of these verses shows that the Second Death is also the death of death. It is God's reversal of the first death.²

Going back to I Corinthians 15, we find this all-encompassing statement:

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order ... (:22-23).

A few verses further we read that Christ will reign "till He has put all enemies under His feet" (:25) ... "the last enemy that will be destroyed is death" (:26). The context shows that :25-26 are about the time of the Consummation.

Destroying death can mean only one thing: All of humanity who at that point did not have it, will receive immortal bodies – never to die again. They will be vivified. Since death will be "destroyed," or "abolished" as translated in the *Concordant Version*, there will be "no more death" (Revelation 21:4). Never again. Think about that!

It is then when what God intended for the universal exaltation of His Son will come into effect.

(see [REFLECTIONS, last page](#))

2. For more on this topic see the article *The Second Death* by Arthur P Adams in [Bible Student's Notebook 530](#).

Chronological List of Resurrections in Scripture (with Vivifications in bold type) according to present understanding[†]

	EVENT	SCRIPTURE	COMMENT
1	Three “Old Testament” resurrections: (1) widow’s son – Elijah’s prayer (2) Shulamite’s son – Elisha’s prayer (3) Man raised out of Elisha’s grave	(1) I Kings 17:22 (2) II Kings 4:18-37 (3) II Kings 13:20-21	These resurrections were to resuscitation, only to die again.
2	Three resurrections by Jesus: (1) son of widow of Nain (2) Jairus’s daughter (3) Lazarus	(1) Luke 7:11-16 (2) Mark 5:36-43, Luke 8:49-56 (3) John 11:14-44	These resurrections were to resuscitation, only to die again.
3	Resurrection of Christ	Matthew 28:1-8, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-9, John 20:1-10, I Cor. 15:20	He was the Firstfruit (I Cor. 15:20, 23), <i>i.e.</i> , the first one to be resurrected to immortality – the first one to be vivified.
4	Resurrection of some saints	Matthew 27:52-53	At the same time as no 3, but only a resurrection to resuscitation, only to die again.
5	Two resurrections in Acts period: (1) Dorcas – by Peter’s prayer (2) Euthychus – by Paul’s prayer	(1) Acts 9:36-41 (2) Acts 20:9-12	These resurrections were to resuscitation, only to die again. Note: No resurrections in the subsequent Secret Administration period.
6	Resurrection of members of the One Body of the Secret Administration	Ephesians 2:4-6 Colossians 2:13; 3:4	Vivification. At Christ’s manifestation in the celestials.
7	Resurrection of saints of Israel and infants at commencement of Kingdom or shortly thereafter: (1) Elijah (2) Possibly Nebuchadnezzar and Cyrus (3) David (4) Twelve apostles (5) Faithful Jewish saints (6) Possibly those who died as Infants	John 5:25, 28-29a John 11:24-25 (1) Mal. 4:5-6, Matthew 17:10-12, Mark 9:12 (2) Daniel 2:37-38, Isaiah 44:28, Daniel 9:25 (3) Jer. 30:9, Ezek. 34:23, 37:24; Hos. 3:5 (4) Matthew 19:28, Luke 22:30 (5) Luke 13:28-30 (6) Matthew 18:3, 19:14.	See BSN 977 See BSN 976
8	Resurrection of the two witnesses	Revelation 11:11-12	At the end of the Pre-millennial Kingdom. They are taken up into Heaven.**
9	Resurrection of saints to eonian life at Christ’s second coming (<i>Parousia</i>). Cf. “ <i>Eonian Life</i> ” and the Secret Administration,” BSN 895).	I Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 20:6	The “ <i>former resurrection</i> ” (CV). At the commencement of 1000 years rule ... 500-700 years after no 7.§ This will include the martyrs of the Great Tribulation.
10*	Resurrection of all those in the grave, and their vivification out through “the Lake of Fire.”	John 5:29b Revelation 20:5, 11-15 Revelation 21:4; Philippians 2:9	Resurrection (resuscitation) to judgment (Greek <i>krisis</i>) – the Great White Throne Judgment. The final vivification of all will take place at the Consummation. Then no more death. “... the only way to destroy death is by vivification! The ‘lake of fire’ is just a transition from death to life.” (BSN 138). Even those “under the earth” will rise to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God. Then God will be “ <i>All in all</i> ” (I Corinthians 15:28).

* **[Editors:]** In an attempt to promote further clarity and simplicity, the author’s original points #10-12 have been combined together as the new #10.

The “Lake of Fire” concludes the preparatory work of the ages, leading to God’s Grand Conclusion – the Consummation.

Resurrection to “eonian life,” promised to Kingdom saints, should not be confused with the resurrection of vivification (immortality) given to Christ and His “One Body” of Ephesians. At the Consummation, those who had previously been granted “eonian life” will then also be given vivification (immortality). The Consummation assures the vivification of all. Cf. the following *Bible Student’s Notebook* articles by Clyde Pilkington:

“Eonian Life” and the Secret Administration (Tidbits of Truth), [BSN 895](#);

The Consummation & Christ’s Consummate Rule [BSN 957](#);
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** **[Editors:]** Which Heaven? The sky? Space? Or the Third Heaven where God is? This action is likely a “removal” and “relocation” to another place on Earth. Cf. “Scriptural Evidence that Enoch Is Dead and Not in Heaven,” Clyde Pilkington, [BSN 1062](#), along with its detailed references.

§ **[Editors:]** 700 includes those years Elijah, Nebuchadnezzar and Cyrus are raised, as well as possibly the other Kings of the Statue Dream of Nebuchadnezzar. Cf. “666,” Otis Q. Sellers, [BSN 909](#); “In the Latter Days,” Melvin Johnson, [BSN 1055](#), [1056](#).

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Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in Heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9-11).

Who are those under the earth? The Greek is *katachthonios*. Bullinger describes them as “the dead who shall yet be raised to give glory to Him.”

This is something that we are looking forward to with great anticipation, but there is someone else also looking forward to it: God our Father! He loves every single person who has ever lived, and He surely misses those who have died – even if He was the One Who wrote the death of each one in His book of providence. Job wrote concerning his resurrection:

If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my hard service I will wait, till my change comes. You shall call, and I will answer You; You shall desire the work of Your hands (Job 14:14-15).

In conclusion, the resurrection, and more specifically the vivification, is the answer to the totality of all of the pain, tragedies, injustices, atrocities, oppressions and evil experienced by everyone in this “present wicked eon” (Galatians 1:4, CV). The vivification – the endowment of immortality to all – in a world where there will be no more tears, where God dwells with mankind and will be “*All in all*,” trumps and overshadows all of the evil that went before it.

Let's rejoice in that. **BSN**

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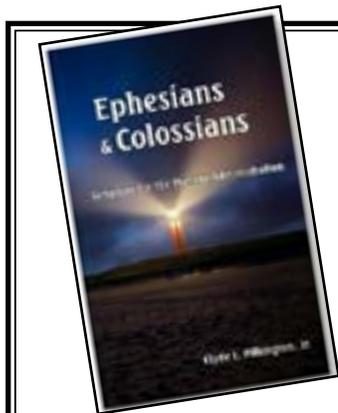
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