

Leave No Believer Behind
The Resurrection Of The Believer

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Daniel 12:1-2; John 5:24-29; 14:1-3;
1 Corinthians 15:51-55, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Universal Question

I. The explanations at death

- A. At death... it's over
 - 1. Nothing happens
 - 2. Like a computer with no battery
 - 3. Popular among atheists & skeptics
- B. Soul sleep
 - 1. Some Christian groups embrace this
- C. Purgatory is popular with some
- D. The "Hollywood" version, white cloud, harp

II. What does the Bible say?

- A. Absent from body, in the presence of the Lord
 - 1. 2 Corinthians 5:8
 - 2. Jesus references from the cross
 - a. Today with me in paradise
 - b. Father into thy hands
- B. The Bible also mentions a bodily resurrection
 - 1. Daniel 12:1-3
 - 2. John 5:24-25
 - 3. John 11:24
 - 4. 1 Corinthians 15
- C. Jesus' Resurrection guarantees ours

III. The pillars of our resurrection

- A. Based on Biblical prediction
- B. Based on Biblical personal events
- C. Based on Biblical promises given
- D. All believers are linked to the Resurrection of Jesus
- E. As we died as believers we rise as believers

IV. What the resurrection of the believer looks like

1st Corinthians 15:42-44

- A. Incorruptible
- B. Glorious
- C. Powerful
- D. Spiritual/supernatural
 - 1. Walks through walls
 - 2. Appears
 - 3. Eats
 - 4. Can be touched

V. Why is this important?

- A. We want life
- B. We want assurance
- C. Jesus is life
- D. We want a future
- E. We want comfort

VI. The comfort the Resurrection gives

- A. Let not your heart be troubled
- B. Jesus describes Heaven
 - 1. A real place
 - 2. A relational place
 - 3. A reunited/diverse place
- C. Why we are not to grieve as those who have no hope

VII. Who is involved in the resurrection of believers?

- A. Those who died in Christ
 - 1. Those who are asleep (a euphemism/description of death for believers)
 - 2. We will all be changed
 - 3. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye
- B. Then we who are alive shall be "caught-up"
 - 1. Rapiro - Latin
 - a. To carry away
 - b. To snatch up
 - c. To be caught up
 - 2. Harpazo - Greek
 - a. To seize
 - b. Snatch away
 - c. Carry off suddenly
 - 3. Rapture - English
 - 4. To meet the Lord in the air
 - 5. He will receive us

VIII. A recap of the sequence of events

- A. Soul leaves your body at death
 - 1. You enter into Paradise as a believer
 - 2. You are more aware, more at peace than you have ever been
- B. The Lord (one day) descends from Heaven
 - 1. A shout comes forth
 - 2. Voice of an archangel
 - 3. Trumpet of God
 - a. Gathering
 - b. Celebration
- C. Dead in Christ rise first, as spirit, soul, and body reunite

- D. Then we who are alive shall be caught up together with them
- E. To meet the Lord in the air

IX. Other moments, patterns of people who were raptured

- A. Enoch - Hebrews 11:5
- B. Elijah - 2 Kings 2:11
- C. Jesus - Acts 1:9-11
- D. Phillip - Acts 8:39

X. What is the purpose?

- A. Rescue who is His church/bride
 - 1. 1st Thessalonians 1:9-10
 - 2. Like Noah & Lot
- B. To fulfill His promise
 - 1. Daniel 12
 - 2. John 14:1-3
- C. To give us comfort

XI. When will this occur?

- A. At any time
- B. Before His return

XII. What difference does it make?

- A. Not to grieve as those who have no hope
- B. To comfort one another with these words
- C. When you know death is conquered life is more enjoyable
- D. When you know death is no more to be feared than a nap
- E. When you know Heaven is your home
- F. When you know you will see your family again it brings hope & comfort
- G. God makes sure none of His children are left behind

This Is The Power, Promise, & Purpose Of Your Resurrection