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Every human being is born into history as a sinner and spiritually dead and in condemnation. But God brought the way to eternal life in the burial, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are looking at the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1. The Resurrection is God the Father's Plan, and is declared in the Word of God.
2. The fact of resurrection is based upon the existence of the empty tomb.
3. The truth of His physical body after His Resurrection.
4. The Resurrection is part of the gospel. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.
5. The importance of the gospel is the resurrection related to faith in Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:12-17.
6. The Resurrection emphasizes the difference between the Theophany and Christophany.
7. There are two returns from the dead. The first is known as resuscitation. Resuscitation is when a person returns from the dead in a body of corruption, and subsequently dies. This is not resurrection. Lazarus and Paul experienced both of these. Jesus said to Lazarus, "Lazarus, here, outside." He had been in the grave for several days, he came out of the tomb wrapped in his grave clothes, and they unwrapped and he was resuscitated. He was alive and subsequently died again. Same thing is true of Paul. Paul in Lystra was stoned to death and later he came alive from the death according to 1 Corinthians 15. In the Old Testament, in 1 Kings 17 Elijah resuscitated a young boy from the dead, but of course he died

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later. Then, in 2 Kings 4, Elisha resuscitated a young boy who also later died.

So resuscitation is the first of two returns from the dead. The second return is resurrection in which a person returns from the dead with a body of incorruption, therefore, never again subject to death. And so far, only one person in all history has been resurrected, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore resurrection is rising again from the dead in a human body never again to be subject to death.

8. Resurrection is therefore one of the basic doctrines which all believers must understand for spiritual growth.

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

Hebrews 6:2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and about the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

Every believer is to believe the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and move on in many other doctrines in the Bible.

9. The agents of the resurrection of Christ. The first agent is God the Father. Colossians 2:12, 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 1 Peter 1:21, Galatians 1:1. The second is God the Holy Spirit: Romans 1:4, 1 Peter 3:18. And the third, Jesus Christ Himself: John 10:11-18.

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10. The doctrine of the two resurrections is pertinent and important to us. There are two resurrections, not one. John 5:24-29; Daniel 12:2; Revelation 20:6, 13. All teach us that there are actually two general resurrections. The first resurrection involves the Lord Jesus Christ and believers only So we have the first resurrection and then we have the second resurrection.

The confusion seems to come in the fact that the first resurrection is divided into four parts. First is the resurrection of Jesus Christ: that is like a military presentation.

Here the first battalion is in 1 Corinthians 15:23 But each in his own order; Christ the first fruits after that those who are Christ's at His coming. (Alpha Company)

Baker company is the rapture of the Church 1 Corinthians 15:51-57. At the end of the Church Age, then the Church is resurrected. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18.

Then Charlie company, these are the Old Testament saints and the Tribulational martyrs. They are resurrection at the end of the tribulation, they are resurrected at the Second Advent. This is taught in passages as Daniel 12:13; Isaiah 26:19-20; Revelation 20:4.

Delta company is made up of the Millennial saints, and those who survive the tribulation into the Millennium. They will have resurrected bodies at the end of the Millennium. This is the fullness of the First Resurrection.

The second resurrection all occurs at one time, so there's very little confusion. John 5:28-29, Revelations 20:12-15; 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 25:41. The second resurrection occurs at the end of the Millennium. It is a resurrection of all unbelievers since the

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beginning of time, they are judged and cast into the Lake of Fire forever and ever.

So there are two general resurrections.

11. Very important throughout the Scriptures, and throughout the Plan of God: the Resurrection is part of victory of the Angelic Conflict. Angelic Conflict—order of events:

- A. Angels were created before man in the pre-historic world.
- B. Many angels followed Satan in his revolt against Jesus Christ. This is the beginning of the Angelic Conflict.
- C. All the angels who followed Satan are known as ‘fallen angels’ or ‘demons,’ and along with Satan were cast into the deep.
- D. Jesus Christ then restored the earth to the present earth and created the creature mankind, who fell in following Satan and were now in Satan’s kingdom of darkness under condemnation. This is the beginning of Genesis 1-3.
- E. Jesus Christ, as God, came in the form of humanity and died on the cross taking away the sin barrier. Now, mankind, both believers and unbelievers are in the Angelic Conflict.
- F. After the removing of the sin barrier Jesus Christ defeated the angels in the Angelic Conflict. This is what we learned in Colossians 2:15.

Colossians 2:15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

- G. Then came The Resurrection.

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- H. In His Resurrected body Jesus Christ went into Tartarus (compartment where the fallen angels of Genesis 6 were imprisoned until the Great White Throne Judgment). Jesus Christ went there to deliver to these fallen angels the news that He, Jesus Christ, had been victorious over their chief, Lucifer, now Satan, in His Victorious Proclamation. 1 Peter 3:18-20.
- I. We—all believers in Jesus Christ in the Church-Age, are not told to fight the devil but to stand firm and put on the whole armor of God. Ephesians 6:10-17.
- J. At the end of the Millennium, at the Great White Throne Judgment, Satan and all the demons will be cast into the eternal Lake of Fire. All members of the human race who chose not to believe in Jesus Christ will also be cast with all the fallen angels into the Lake of Fire. Revelation 20.

This is said in

1 Corinthians 15:20 But now, (The resurrection in the Angelic Conflict) Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. (the soul never sleeps, only the body sleeps. The word asleep is used for believers who have died before the Rapture and before the Resurrection. The point is that the body is asleep waiting to be awakened by resurrection, the soul never sleeps in the presence of the Father.)

1 Corinthians 15:21 For since by a man death came, by a man also came the resurrection of

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the dead. (this is the last Adam or the Lord Jesus Christ)

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, (Spiritual death) **so also in Christ all will be made alive.** (If you are in Adam you are Spiritually dead, but if you are in Christ, you are alive forever more.)

1 Corinthians 15:23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, (the rapture of all believers of the Church Age)

1 Corinthians 15:24 then comes the end, (that is the end of the Jewish age, the end of the Tribulation) **when He hands over the kingdom to our God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.** (This is the time of Operation Footstool, where Satan is set aside as the ruler of this world as stated in Psalm 110:1)

1 Corinthians 15:25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

12. The resurrection is necessary for the perpetuation of the line of David and the fulfillment of the Davidic covenant.

Romans 1:3 concerning His Son, (This refers to the Son –Jesus Christ of God the father) **who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,**

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Romans 1:4 who was declared the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

2 Timothy 2:8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel,

13. ‘The Mystery of the Resurrection’ 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.

Outline of the passage:

Death and Resurrection verses 50-52

Death is Swallowed up in Victory verses 53-54

Resurrection is the Victory of Jesus Christ verses 55-56

The Grace of God Through Our Lord Jesus Christ verse 57

Life is not Wasted since there was The Resurrection verse 58

A. Death and Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:50 Now I say this, brethren that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The phrase *kingdom of God* is used to refer to the eternal state of the Church. Our bodies of flesh and blood are not resurrected bodies and therefore we cannot live in eternity in our physical bodies. Our physical bodies are not capable to live off this planet. Our physical bodies are perishable and subject to death. The imperishable refers to our resurrected bodies.

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**1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery;
we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,**

Sleep applies only to the physical body, not our souls. The soul and the spirit are absent from body. “All changed” means that we receive a resurrected body, just like the Resurrected body of Jesus, except we will not have scars as He will have.

**1 Corinthians 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
imperishable, and we will be changed.**

Resurrection occurs instantly!

Man was created instantly. The universe was created instantly. God provides resurrection of our new bodies instantly. The Trumpet referred to here is the trumpet of 1 Thessalonians 4:16. It is not the same trumpet as that in Revelation 11:15. The trumpet in Revelation 11:15 is the heralds trumpet, announcing Jesus Christ as the new ruler of the world.

B. Death is Swallowed up in Victory

**1 Corinthians 15:53 For this perishable must
put on the imperishable, and this mortal must
put on immortality.**

The resurrection is a matter of the power, wisdom and sovereignty of God. Your resurrection does not depend in any way on your merit or life. Winners and losers alike receive a resurrected body, equally. Putting on imperishable is a reference to the resurrected body given to those who have died, a body never again subject to death. For

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those who are alive at the rapture, (mortal) they will receive an immortal body that is not subject to death and eternal in nature.

1 Corinthians 15:54 But when this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written: (Isaiah 25:8) “Death has been swallowed up in victory.

The richest gift that we are ever given is the Resurrection. Losers and winners among all believers receive victory from the Lord of all Victories, it is not our victory but it is Christ’s Victory. All believers receive a resurrected body. Resurrection is a total Divine Victory! Death defeated Satan and death is defeated by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. By grace this victory is now given to every believer.

C. Resurrection is the Victory of Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 15:55 “O death, where is your victory Where, O death, is your sting?” Death has no victory!

1 Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law

The imputation of Adam’s original sin has two results: real spiritual death and the subsequent physical death. This was originally declared in Gen. 2:17 “...but the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it dying you shall die.” Dying refers to spiritual death immediately and you will also die later by physical death. “Had sin never entered the human race, death never would have ended” (The Complete Biblical Library)

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The sting of death is the natural sin nature. Sin is described and described in the Mosaic Law 1 Timothy 1:8-10

D. The Grace of God Through Our Lord Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 15:57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God gives us this victory—not something that we earn. Give daily thanks to God for the grace of this victory of resurrection. The believers resurrection is God's grace and Christ's victory.

One of the reasons why no Old Testament believer was resurrected is because the Lord had not gone to the cross and died and was resurrected.

E. Life is not Wasted since there was The Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be firm, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

To be *immovable* means you have the right to use your own volition to fulfill the plan of God in your life. You have the right to '*press on to maturity*'

'Your labor is not in vain' because you use your volition during this time on earth.

'Your labor is not in vain' because you glorify Jesus Christ in your life!

Losers live empty lives while winners lives are not in vain and the winner glorifies Christ in your life!!!

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14. The Resurrection of Christ indicates **completion** of the ministry of Justification.

Romans 4:25 He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

Justification was completed on the cross. God the Father was free to resurrect Jesus Christ three days later. Justification was an accomplished fact. People, you must be able to grasp the Resurrection. On the cross, Jesus Christ took care of our sins. But, if there is no resurrection then our teaching of Justification is in vain. This is why it is important to fully understand 1 Corinthians 15, where Paul teaches that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching is in vain and our faith is in vain. If He is not raised from the dead then our faith is worthless, which, of course, declares out faith is useless which means that our justification is worthless. But, if..since He was raised from the dead then because of His resurrection then we are justified. Let me make this as clear and simple as I can: because Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross and raised from the dead we are justified. If there is no cross work of Jesus then we are not Justified. If Jesus is not resurrected then we are not Justified. When you think of Salvation, please consider three vital facts:

- (1) Jesus Christ crucified on the cross,
- (2) Jesus Christ raised from the dead
- (3) The sinner puts his faith in Jesus Christ.

If any of these three are missing you do not have salvation.

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15. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is necessary for the advance of the Plan of God the Father.

Isaiah 53:10 But the Lord was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, (by His resurrection) And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. (The Fathers Plan would advance through the resurrection.)

Therefore the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is critical to history and to eternity.

16. The Resurrection of Christ is the basis for the believer's confidence in the future. Just thinking about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ can cause the believer to have such peace and confidence about death.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the deaths, (in the Greek it is in the plural, referring to His physical and Spiritual deaths on the cross)

1 Peter 1:4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled, and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

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1 Peter 1:5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Add to this

1 Peter 1:21 who through Him are believers in God, (we are believers in Jesus Christ as Savior before God the Father) who raised Him from the deaths (the Greek text is in the plural) and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

When we look at Isaiah 53:9 all the Bibles translate this in the singular while in the Hebrew it is plural: ...*yet He was with a rich man in His death* while it should be *in His deaths*—plural; again referring to His physical and spiritual deaths.

The more a believer is aware of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ causes the believer to have more confidence about their death. Therefore we need to study the Resurrection more often through our studies.

17. This last emphasis on the resurrection is to impress on every believer that we are to press on to maturity because we are identified with Christ in His resurrection.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.

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The baptism into death was our identification with Christ in His death, so that we are identified with Christ in His Resurrection and we are motivated to advance to maturity with Christ.

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