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EASTER RESURRECTION

I. WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL ABOUT EASTER?

- A. This could be answered in a number of ways but the answer in a word is – RESURRECTION. Jesus Christ rose from the grave in a resurrection body!
1. Most people understand that about Easter but few understand why it is so important.
 2. Two of the most significant Greek words in the Bible are:
 - 1) TETELESTAI τετελεσται which is the per. pas. Ind. of TELEO and is translated “**IT IS FINISHED**” - meaning the penalty for our sin was paid in full. (*John 19:30*)
 - 2) EGERTHE ηγερθη which is the aor. pas. Ind. of EGEIRO (εγειρω) and is translated” **HE HAS RISEN**” - meaning Christ was resurrected (*Matt. 28:6, Mark 16:6*)

II. DEFINITION

1. Resurrection must be distinguished from Resuscitation:
 - a. Resuscitation means a person returns from the dead in a body of corruption and eventually dies again. Ex. Lazarus (*John 11:43-44*), a young man named Eutychus (*Acts 20:9*) Paul (*Acts 14:19, II Cor. 11:25*), believer’s at Christ’s crucifixion (*Matt 27:52-53*), two boys in the Old Testament, Elijah and Moses during the Tribulation.
 - b. Resurrection means a person returns from the dead in a body of incorruption and will never die again.
 - c. We recently studied Heb. 6:2 which includes resurrection as one of the doctrines that every believer should have a thorough understanding of.

III. WHY WAS CHRIST’S RESURRECTION ESSENTIAL?

1. Because O.T. prophets prophesied of it and C. A. believers testified of it:

- a. David - **Psa. 16:9-10** *Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.*
 - b. Peter - **Acts 2:31-32** *Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.*
 - c. Paul - **Acts 13:36-37** *"For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed. But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.*
2. Jesus Himself prophesied of His resurrection:
- a. **Matt 16:21** *From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.*
 - b. Matt. 17:23, Mark 9:31, Luke 9:22 repeat the same message.
3. Resurrection was the supreme test of Christ's deity:
- a. First of all it was easy to verify. It either happened or it didn't.
 - b. No one else has ever been resurrected: That includes Buddha, Mohammed, Confucius, Krishna, Zoroastor, David Koresh, etc. None of these even claimed that they would rise from the dead.
4. If Christ was not resurrected He could not:
- a. Be our Advocate with the Father I John 2:1
 - b. Be our Intercessor Heb. 7:25
 - c. Give spiritual gifts at the beginning of the Church Eph. 4:11.
 - d. Judge our earthly performance at the J.S.C. II Cor. 5:10.
 - e. Go and prepare a place for us in heaven John 14:2.
 - f. Be our High Priest Heb. 7:24.
 - g. Return for us at the Rapture I Thes. 4:13-18.
 - h. Become our spiritual husband, no wedding feast Rev. 19:7-9
 - i. Come in glory at the Second Advent Matt. 25:31, Rev. 19:11-16
 - j. Reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords in the Millennium Rev. 7:14 19:.
 - k. Preside over the Great White Throne judgment Rev. 20:11.

5. Lewis Sperry Chafer said this: “Had Christ not risen, then every divine purpose and blessing would have failed. The very universe and throne of God would have dissolved and have been dismissed forever. All life, light, and hope would have ceased. However, at no moment of time were these great issues in jeopardy.”

IV. ALL OF THIS IS FINE BUT WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH ME?

A. Christ’s resurrection is linked to faith in Him. ***Rom 10:9 - if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.***

B. Read *1 Cor. 15: 13-19*

C. More details

1. Read *1 Cor. 15:20-24*

2. ORDER OF RESURRECTIONS:

a. ALPHA COMPANY

1. Christ is the “First Fruits” This term is related to the Feast of First Fruits which symbolized Christ’s resurrection. It also relates to the fact that Christ’s resurrection was the forerunner of our resurrection to come.

b. BRAVO COMPANY

1. What happens to C. A. believers when they die? Anyone who dies during the

Church Age has an interim body in heaven until they receive their resurrection

body *II Cor.5:1-9.*

2. C.A. believers receive their resurrection body at the Rapture
I Thes. 4:13-18, Jn 14:1-3; Phil 3:20-21; 1 Cor 15:51-57; 1 Thes 4:13-18; 1 Jn 3:1-2.

a) We all will have a resurrection body like Christ’s, but not all resurrection

bodies will look alike. There are different types of resurrection bodies

depending on your success or failure in the Christian life and your attitude

toward doctrine.

- b) Physical death is a prerequisite for resurrection. Our bodies of flesh and blood are not capable of living off of planet earth out in the universe, as angelic creatures can. They are not designed for eternity 1 Cor 15:50-52.
- c) There are two exceptions to the physical death requirement:
- 1) The Rapture generation of the Church Age.
 - 2) The millennial believers alive at the end of time and human history.
- d) 1 Cor. 15:51-54 describes the change that takes place when C.A. believers receive their resurrection body.

c. CHARLIE COMPANY

1. The resurrection of the Old Testament believers and Tribulational martyrs at the end of the Tribulation and the Second Advent, Dan 12:13; Isa 26:19-20; Mt 24:31; Rev 20:4.
2. C.A. believers receive their resurrection bodies before O.T. saints because of their unique position "In Christ". They are royal family members which carries special privileges, opportunities, and position. R. H. I. P.

d. DELTA COMPANY

1. The resurrection of the millennial saints at the end of the Millennium.

D. There are two general types of resurrections:

- a. The first type includes believers only of every dispensation, described in the order of resurrections just described.
- b. The second type includes unbelievers only of every dispensation. This resurrection occurs at the end of human history at the close of the Millinium. Unbelievers will be cast into the lake of fire Mt 25:41; 1 Cor 15:24; Rev 20:5-15. This is called the "second death" or the last judgment.
- c. The difference between the two is one's attitude toward Christ. **Jn 3:36**, -"***He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; He that***

***believeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God
abideth on him."***

E. Resurrection and the believer's attitude toward death:

1. Read *John 11:25-26*
 - a) Believer's resurrection does not depend on them but on the victory over death accomplished by Jesus Christ at His resurrection.
2. Read *1 Cor. 15:54-57*
 - a) God gives believers the victory over death, no reason to fear death, because Christ shares His victory over death with us, by means of His resurrection, by giving us a resurrection body.
 - b) ***Phil 3:20-21 - But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior***
from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring
everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be

like his glorious body.

2. While the believer has control over whether he is a winner or loser in time, he has no control over two factors: the time, place, and manner of his death, and the time of the Rapture of the Church

V. WHAT WILL OUR RESURRECTION BODY BE LIKE?

- A. We can know something about what our resurrection body will be like by examining Christ's since our resurrection body will be similar to His.
 1. Jesus did not get another body. He had the same body that had been dramatically modified.
 2. Similarities to His original body:
 - a) The nail prints in His hands and feet remained as well as the scar in His side *John 20:25-29*.
 - b) His disciples were able to recognize Him.
 - c) His body had a material nature that could be felt *John 20:17*.
 - d) His resurrection body possessed flesh and bones *Luke 24:39-40*.
 - e) He could breathe as a natural body breathes *John 20:22*.
 3. Modifications to His original body:

- a) He could walk right through a wall Luke 24:36.
- b) He could appear and disappear at will John 20:19, Luke 24:15.
- c) He could move horizontally as well as vertically Acts 1:9.
- d) There is no indication that His body needed sleep.
- e) He needed neither rest nor food but he could eat if He wanted to Luke 24:42-43.