

## RESURRECTION AND RAPTURE

1. **Every person who has died will be resurrected to life when Christ returns**
  - a. Both the saints and the lost (John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15)
  - b. All who have touched the curse of death (1 Cor. 15:22)

2. **The Bible speaks of the resurrection of the dead as a single event**

- a. It will occur on "the last day" (John 11:23-24)
- b. It will occur when "the last trumpet sounds" (1 Cor. 15:51-52)
- c. It will occur at an "hour" when Christ summons all the dead from their graves (John 5:28-29)

3. **Our resurrection body will be designed specifically for our eternal destiny**

- a. The resurrection body of the saints will be:
  - 1) Spiritual (1 Cor. 15:44, 47-50)
  - 2) Glorious (1 Cor. 15:43; Phil. 3:20-21)
  - 3) Imperishable (1 Cor. 15:42, 50, 52-53)
- b. The resurrection body of the lost will be:
  - 1) Contemptible and miserable
  - 2) Sensitive to pain and suffering
  - 3) Eternally sustained, but in a constant state of corruption (2 Thess. 1:9)

4. **Every person who is alive when Christ returns will be raptured off the earth**

- a. The living saints will be raptured immediately after the deceased saints are resurrected (1 Thess. 4:16-17)
- b. At the same time the lost (dead and alive) will be gathered for their Judgment (Matt. 13:30, 40-43)

5. **The rapture of all the living is a single event in conjunction with the resurrection of the dead**

- a. The return of Christ will touch everyone, good and bad, just as did Noah's flood (Matt. 24:39-41)
- b. The lost will be "taken" away to their destruction (Matt. 24:39)
- c. The saints will be "left" to receive their inheritance from God
- d. The New Testament does not teach a "secret rapture" of the church years before the gathering of the lost

6. **The resurrection and rapture will gather everyone for the final Judgment**

- a. Christians will gather in the sky with Jesus before being escorted to the judgment (1 Thess. 4:16-17)
- b. The lost will simply be escorted by angels to the judgment (Matt. 25:31-33)
- c. For the Christian this will be a glorious day (1 Cor. 15:51-57)