

## LESSON 5

### **RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND ETERNAL JUDGMENT**

The doctrines reveal God's dealing with man at the end of the age and after death. It is important for the believer to have knowledge on these subjects so that the enemy cannot bring fear of things to come.

#### **I. WHAT IS THE DOCTRINE OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD?**

- A. It is the belief that God did not only raise Jesus from the dead, but will also raise the believer in the last day.
  - 1. John 11:25  
"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."
  - 2. One translation of John 11:25 is "...though he dies physically, he will be resurrected bodily back to life."
  - 3. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
"...and the dead in Christ shall rise first..."

#### **II. WHAT DETERMINES WHERE A PERSON GOES WHEN HE DIES?**

- A. God determines a person's destiny after death according to his acceptance or rejection of Jesus Christ while he or she is in this life.
  - 1. 1 John 5:12  
"He that hath the Son hath life, he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."
  - 2. There are two words in the Greek used for life.
    - a. "bios" means body life or carnal life
    - b. "zoe" means spirit life or quality of life as God knows it
  - 3. 1 Timothy 1:10  
"...Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

**III. WHERE DOES A SAVED PERSON GO AFTER DEATH?**

2 Corinthians 5:8

“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”

**IV. WHAT HAPPENS TO A PERSON WHO DIES UNSAVED?**

Revelation 20:15

“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

**V. IS THERE A PLACE OF TRANSITION BETWEEN EARTH AND HEAVEN OR HELL?**

A. No. You seal your fate here on this earth. People who die either go to heaven or hell. The practice of praying for people after they die is a tradition and is not based on God’s word.

B. See Luke 16:19-31. The story of the rich man and Lazarus.

**VI. HOW IS THE DOCTRINE OF RESURRECTION ESTABLISHED IN GOD’S WORD SO THAT WE CAN BY FAITH BELIEVE IN IT?**

A. Romans 8:11

“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus Christ from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”

B. Colossians 1:18

“And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.”

**VII. WHAT IS THE DOCTRINE OF ETERNAL JUDGEMENT?**

A. This doctrine is the belief that Jesus will sit as judge over the entire world at the end of the age. It is eternal judgment because the sentences pronounced upon men can never be changed.

1. Acts 17:31

“Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained...”

B. The three judgments in the Bible.

1. The Cross. 2 Corinthians 5:21

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

2. The Judgment Seat of Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:10

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”

3. The Great White Throne of Judgment. Revelation 20:11

“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away...”

## VIII. WILL BELIEVERS BE JUDGED FOR SINS THEY HAVE COMMITTED?

A. No. The blood of Jesus has covered all the sin of the world, past, present, and future.

1. Jeremiah 31:34

“...and I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

2. See also Hebrews 9:12-14, 10:16-17