

## Christ's Final Return

1. **Real – Physical (bodily):** Acts 1:9-11; Rom. 8:19,23; 1Cor. 1:7, 15:43-54; Phil. 3:20-21; Titus 2:13
  - a. [As in Noah's day] Luke 17:30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.
  - b. Acts 1:9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.<sup>10</sup> And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,<sup>11</sup> who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."
  - c. 1 Cor. 1:7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,
  - d. Phil. 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.
  - e. 1 Cor. 15: 51 We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—<sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.<sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.<sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "*Death is swallowed up in victory.*"
  - f. Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
  - g. Heb. 9:23-28 "...and He will appear a second time..."
2. **Rapturous – Imminent:** Matt. 24:36-25:13, Luke 21:34; 1 Thess. 5:2-4; [2 Pet. 3:10]; Jam. 5:9; Rev. 3:3; 16:15
3. **Rapture:**
  - a. John 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice<sup>29</sup> and come forth— those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
  - b. Believers are raptured at 2<sup>nd</sup> coming as they receive their glorified / purified bodies (1 Thess. 4:13-18; Titus 2:11-14) Christ will come with the dead in Christ (1 Thess. 4:14) Remaining earthbound believers wait and watch for His glorious appearing – not secret rapture (Phil. 3:20-21; Col. 3:1-4; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:26-28; 1 Pet. 1:13; 1 John 3:2-3).
  - c. 1 Thess. 1:9-10 delivered from wrath; 1 Pet. 4:13 glory revealed and exceeding joy
  - d. See notes on rapture in Olivet Discourse.
4. **Resurrection:**
  - a. Dan. 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.
  - b. John 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice<sup>29</sup> and come forth— those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
  - c. Glorious body: Phil. 3:20-21; Col. 3:1-4; 1 Jn. 3:2-3; 1 Thess. 4:14-18; Titus 2:13
  - d. Mtt. 7:21-33, 13:36-43, 16:24-27, 25:31-46; Lk. 12:35-48; [John 6:39,54 (last day-not 1007yrs. before 11:24-25)]; Acts 1:8, 24:15; Rom. 8:23; Phil. 3:20; Titus 2:13, 1 Thes. 4:13-, 1 Cor. 15:51-7; Rev. 20:12-13
  - e. 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection and 2<sup>nd</sup> death. 2<sup>nd</sup> death refers to eternal separation.

- f. If the second death refers to eternal separation, the first implied death is likely physical.
  - g. If the first death is physical separation and the second is eternal, perhaps the first resurrection (like the first death) takes place in this life and the second implied resurrection takes place at time of second death.
  - h. I have resolved in my mind that there are not two resurrections in the future at two different events because the resurrection passages above describe one resurrection including good and evil (cf. Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:28-9).
- Rev 20:14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the **second death**.
- Rev 2:11 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the **second death**."
- Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the **second death** has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.
- Rev 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the **second death**."

## 5. Recompense:

- a. Punishment: Matt. 16:27; 25:46; 2 Thes. 1:6-9; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 20:12-13; 21:8;
  - b. Reward:
    - i. Escape persecution, temptation, and wrath to come 1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9; 2 Thess. 1:6-10; Rom. 1:18; 5:9
    - ii. Matt. 25:23, 46; see rapture & resurrection vv..
    - iii. Matt. 16:27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.
    - iv. 1Cor. 3:12-15 Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.
    - v. 2Cor. 5:9-10 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
6. **Reunion:** Jn. 14:1-3; Titus 2:13; Col. 3:3 = died w/ Him, 1 = raised w/ Him, 1-3 = ascended w/ Him, 4 = appear w/ Him (cf. 1 Jn. 3:2).
7. **Radiance:** Isa. 11:10; 24:23; 60:19-21; 61:3; 1 Pet. 4:13; Rev. 1:16; 10:1
8. **Restoration:** Heavens and earth: Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 8:19-24; Rev. 21-22 Purity: Rev. 20:10, 15, 21:1
9. **Recapitulation:**
- a. Jesus' first advent entailed His incarnation, perfection (including temptation), reconciliation (including separation), resurrection, ascension, and session (including impartation, administration, and intersession).
  - b. Jesus' Second Advent involves His glorification and exaltation; our resurrection, extrication, exultation, glorification, compensation, and communion; the wicked's separation and compensation; and all of creation's renovation.