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## **FOUNDATION STONE 5**

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### **RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD**

The resurrection of the dead is the fifth foundation stone that is found in Hebrews chapter six. I believe that this biblical truth has a twofold interpretation. The first being that we are spiritually resurrected from the dead by our **BORN AGAIN** experience through the completed work of Jesus on Calvary's cross. (John 5:24 &25) "Truly, truly, I say unto you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come, into judgment but has passed out of death into life. Truly, truly, I say unto you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those shall live." Remember, we were dead in our trespasses and separated from God and His Kingdom. We were heading in the direction of eternal damnation. The second part of our resurrection is the transformation of our physical body when we are caught up to meet Jesus in the air. We will let God's word determine what we believe.

### **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SPIRITUALLY RESURRECTED?**

It simply means that one has repented of his sins, has been baptized, and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that unless you are born again you can not even see the Kingdom of God. If we are to be bodily resurrected, we must first be spiritually resurrected (**alive in Christ**) in Christ.

#### **II Corinthians 5:17**

*Therefore if any one is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

#### **Romans 6:3-5**

*Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? (4) Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Here we see that the believer is separated from his old lifestyle and is living a new*

lifestyle in Jesus Christ.) (5) *For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection.*

### **John 3:5**

*Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say unto you, unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.*

### **I Corinthians 15:21, 22**

*For since by man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive.*

### **Romans 8:23**

*And not only this, but also, we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.*

I believe these verses and others like them confirm that in order to take part in the second resurrection, **(the bodily resurrection)** one must be born again as Jesus Himself taught.

## **WHAT IS THE (FIRST) BODILY RESURRECTION?**

### **Psalm 16:9, 10**

*Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will dwell securely. For thou wilt not abandon my soul to Sheol; neither wilt thou allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay.*

### **I Thessalonians 4:15-17**

*For this I say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we, who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so we shall always be with the Lord.*

## **I Corinthians 15:35-50 (Read in Class)**

### **I Corinthians 15:51-53 & 58**

*Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, 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 shall be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. (58) Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.*

### **Revelation 20:4-7**

*And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from prison.*

Remember a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is a day to the Lord. We will also see that scripture teaches us that along with the resurrection of the righteous, there is a **second resurrection** of the wicked.

### **Daniel 12:2**

*And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.*

## **John 5:28-29**

*“Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.”*

## **Revelation 20:11-15**

*And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

## **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE?**

We need to understand that the word of God is very clear on this subject. For both the believer and the unbeliever, death as most think, does not complete mans existence. We must understand that only our natural body dies and returns to the ground for a season, but our soul returns to Paradise till the return of Jesus. The following scriptures will confirm this.

## **Job 14:14-15**

*If a man dies, will he live again? All the days of my struggle I will wait until my change comes. You will call, and I will answer you; you will long for the work of your hands.*

## **Genesis 3:19**

*By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

## **II Corinthians 5:1-9**

*For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked.*

**(Meaning we will not be bodiless after the resurrection)** *For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life. Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as a pledge. Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord-for we walk by faith, not by sight-we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.*

## **Philippians 1:23**

*But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.*

## **WHERE WILL THE SOULS OF THE BELIEVER GO?**

### **Luke 23: 43**

*And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."*

One might ask this question. Where then is Paradise? This should not be a mystery for the believer. As we should know from reading God's word, Paradise (**known as Abraham's bosom**) was located somewhere below the earth.

### **Luke 16:22a-23**

*now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; In the meantime the rich man died. and the rich man died and was buried. In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being tormented, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.*

From these scriptures we learn that Paradise and Hades were located somewhere near each other, but were separate places.

### **Luke 16:26**

*and besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.*

We are also reminded that those believers and nonbelievers are aware of where they are. The believer in Paradise seemed to be at peace and was being blessed.

### **Luke 16:24**

*And he cried out and said, Father Abraham have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.*

We also learn that no one can return from Paradise or Hades to warn those still here on earth to repent.

### **Luke 16:27-28**

*And he said, I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house-for I have five brothers-in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.*

Therefore it is our responsibility as believers to witness salvation to all peoples.

After the death of Jesus, Paradise was relocated into the heavens. According to God's word Jesus descended into Paradise to set the captives free. Those captives (Old Testament saints) and Paradise were relocated under the altar of God.

## **Revelation 6:9-10**

*When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "how long O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"*

## **WHERE WILL THE SOULS OF THE UNBELIEVER GO?**

As we continue our study on the resurrection of the dead we will again allow the word of God teach us concerning the souls of the unbeliever and their destiny. They also will live on in eternity, but not as the believer, who will live in complete love, peace, divine health, and in the ever presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. The unbelieving soul will live forever in complete darkness, agony, and suffering.

## **Job 7:9-10**

*When a cloud vanishes, it is gone, so he who goes down to Sheol (Hades) does not come up. He will not return again to his house, nor will his place know him anymore.*

## **Psalm 89:48**

*What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his soul from the power of Sheol?*

## **Isaiah 38:18**

*For Sheol cannot thank You, Death cannot praise You; those who go down to the pit cannot hope for Your faithfulness*

**(Note) Sheol is the Hebrew word for the underworld abode of the dead.**

*The word affirms that Sheol (Hades) is located in the center of the earth as we said earlier when talking about Paradise. We also want to confirm that once a person dies there is no hope or prayer that will change their condition even though their soul is not in Hell at this time*

Those souls in Sheol will be judged at the great white throne and then be sent to hell (the lake of fire).

## **Ephesians 4:8-10**

*Therefore it say's, "When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men."(Now this expression, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.*

## **Hebrews 9:27**

*And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.*

## **WHAT DOES THE WORD TEACH ABOUT HELL?**

We as believers should know as much about Hell as we do about Heaven in order to strengthen our conviction to witness to the unbelieving soul. We are going to find the **where, what, and who's** about Hell.

## **Matthew 8:12**

*But the sons of the Kingdom will be cast into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Referring to the unbelieving Jews and or Gentiles.)*

## **Jude 11thru16**

*Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. These are the men who are the hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves: clouds without water, carried along by the winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever. It was about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, Behold the Lord came with many thousands of His Holy ones, to execute judgment upon all their ungodly deeds which they have done in a ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against*



*Him. These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage.*

**Matthew 25:41**

*“Then He will say to those on His left, depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angles.*

**Revelation 20:15**

*And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

**May the fullness of God’s promises richly bless and keep you safe till His Son returns!!**

