

## RESURRECTION

### Resurrection from a Biblical Perspective

Resurrection means experiencing death and rising to life again. Under the Old Covenant, the prophets spoke about resurrection (**Isaiah 26:19, Daniel 12:2**). Making the New Covenant possible Jesus was resurrected from the dead (**Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20**). If you are a follower of Jesus, this is an absolute reality. In fact, belief that Jesus was raised from the dead is crucial to your salvation (**John 6:40; Romans 10:9-10**). Christianity is based on the ministry and death of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, that led to His resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus made it possible for all born-again followers of His to experience the same resurrection (**John 11:25**).

### Why Resurrection is Needed

The article [Two Births and Two Deaths](#) provides the details of the human experience related to life and death and should be read as background to this subject. God is known to us in three ways, **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – Trinity**. Humans are created in the image of God (**Genesis 1:27**) and also have three components to their being – a physical body, a soul (emotions), and a spirit (the true essence of our being).

All humans are physically born and will physically die. When they do, they are buried, their physical body decays and returns to the dust of the earth, the same elements from which it came (**Ecclesiastes 3:20**). They have experienced the first death. Human souls and spirits, however, have a different path and **Sin** is the reason. When you are physically born, your body has life, your first birth. Your soul and spirit, on the other hand, are *without* life because you are *spiritually* dead in sin (**Ephesians 2:1-2**). If you do nothing to address the lifelessness of your soul and spirit, you will incur eternal consequences that you do not want to face.

### How Resurrection is Available to You

If you realize you are a sinner, confess your sins to God, and sincerely ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart, you will experience spiritual **Rebirth**. Your dead soul and spirit receive life from God. When you physically die, your body will be buried, but your soul and spirit are immediately in the presence of the Lord in the heavenly places (**Luke 23:39-43; Ephesians 2:6-7; Revelation 20:4-6**).

In God's timing, your soul and spirit are given a new heavenly body that will be yours forever (**2 Corinthians 5:1-10**), a body that will never again experience pain or death because everything has been made new (**Revelation 21:1-4**).

Persons dead in their sins and trespasses who refuse to surrender their lives to Jesus Christ through [God's Plan of Salvation](#) will not only die physically but will never find life for their soul and spirit. Some day in the future that only God knows, everyone (those born again and those who are not) will stand before Jesus in the heavenly places and be judged (**2 Corinthians 5:10**). This implies a resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust. Jesus spoke of this day in **Matthew 25:31-46**. The apostle Paul witnessed this truth to Felix, the governor (**Acts 24:15**), describing those raised as the righteous and wicked. The scene is recorded in **Revelation 20:11-15**. Persons whose names are written in the *book of life* live forever in the presence of God. Persons whose names are not written in the *book of life* experience the second death and are consigned to an eternity apart from the presence of God. They are lost and without hope.

### Closing Thoughts

It is all about Jesus. After Lazarus died, his sister, Martha, told Jesus her perception of the resurrection being in the last day. Jesus told Martha, "**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die**" (**John 11:25-26**).

The resurrection that matters is the one facilitated by being born again. Are you? If not, we urge you to go to [Getting Started](#).

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Here are some additional resources about resurrection that you may find helpful:

[THE MEANING OF RESURRECTION \(ministrysamples.org\)](#)

[BIBLE VERSES ABOUT RESURRECTION \(kingjamesbibleonline.org\)](#)

[The Resurrection of Jesus Christ | Bible.org](#)

[Resurrection Definition and Meaning - Bible Dictionary \(biblestudytools.com\)](#)

[3 Things Jesus' Resurrection Means for Us \(christianity.com\)](#)

[Resurrection of Jesus - Bible Story, Verses & Meaning \(biblestudytools.com\)](#)