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SCHEDULE OF RESURRECTION

During January and February, we will study 1 Cor.15:1-58. The series of lessons is designed to show the importance of the theology of the Resurrection for Missions.

Today's lesson text teaches about the Dispensational Schedule of the Resurrection of believers.
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1. Christ is the Firstfruits of the Resurrection.

(1Cor.15:20, 23) "But now Christ has been raised (egeiro/ perf.p.ind.3ps) (Rom.8:11) from (ek+ablative of separation) the dead, the Firstfruits (aparche/ nsm) (Lev.23:9-14; 15-21) of those who are asleep (ton koimai/ perf.m.ptc.gplm)."

The Resurrection of Christ was the Firstfruits, not the last (Eph.1:13-14; 4:30) (John 19:31, 42; Lev.23:4-22).

2. Christ is the Federal Head of the Resurrection.

(1Cor.15:21-22) "By (dia+ablative of agent) **a man** (anthropos/ abl.s.m) also came the resurrection of the dead (anastasis nekros/ abl.pl.m)." (1Cor.15:21b)

Two Federal Heads: "For **as** (hosper/ intensive particle) in (the) Adam all die (apothnesko/ **p.a.ind.3pl**), so (houstos/ demonstrative adverb) also in (en +loc of sphere) (the) Christ all shall be made alive (zoopoieo/ **f.a.ind.3pl**)." (1Cor.15:22)

3. Christ is first in the order of the Schedule of Resurrection.

(1Cor.15:23) "But each (hekastos/ nsm) in (en+loc. of time event) his own order (tagma/ lsn) (tasso) (Num.2); Christ the fruitfruit, **after** (epeita/ temporal adverb) **that those** (hoi/ **nplm**/ orders) **who are (the) Christ's** (believers) at (en+loc. of time event/ associated with epeita) His coming (te parousia/ lsf)"

4. The Schedule, or Order of Resurrection:

1. The resurrection of **Jesus Christ** is called the First fruit of the resurrection (1 Cor.15:20-23; 1 Pet.1:3-5; Rev.1:18; 9:1; 20:1-3).
2. The resurrection of **Believers** is called the First Resurrection and the Resurrection of Life (Rev.20:5-6; John 5:28-29).
3. The resurrection of all **unbelievers** is called the Second Resurrection and Resurrection of Judgment (John 5:24-29; Acts 13:46; 24:15; Rev.20:10-15).

5. There is dispensational order to the First Resurrection. (Believers)

- **Jesus Christ**

(1 Cor.15:20-23) “But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ’s at His coming,”

- **Church Age Believers**

(1 Cor.15:51-58) “Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all 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 will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

(1 Thess.1:10) “and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

(1 Thess.4:13-18) “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will 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. Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

- **Jewish Age Believers** ;

(John 5:28-29) “Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.

(John 11:24-26; 6:40) “Martha *said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, ^{and} everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

(John 6:40) “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

- **Millennial Age Believers**

(Rev.20:4-6) “Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I *saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their 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 on their forehead and on 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 a 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.

(1 Cor. 15:24-28) “then *comes* the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death. For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, “All things are put in subjection,” it is evident that He is accepted who put all things in subjection to Him. When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.

6. There are three eternal books that are involved in the First and Second resurrections.

- Bible (Matt.24:35)
- Book of Life (Rev.3:5; 20:12a; 21:27; Luke 10:20)
- Book of Deeds (Rev.20:12b-15)

7. The Second spiritual death (Unbelievers)

An unbeliever should be made aware of what awaits them if they reject the Grace Gospel of Jesus Christ:

- This Second Spiritual Death Is the door into Hades (Death).
- The Resurrection of judgment is the door-out into the Lake of Fire.
 - Rom.5:12
 - Rom. 2:11
 - Rom.20:4-6
 - Rom.20:14-15
 - Matt.25:41
 - Matt.25:46
 - Acts 24:15
 - Luke 16:19-31