## The Dead Shall Hear the Voice of Christ and Resurrect unto Everlasting Life

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For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. (Jn. 5:21-29)

This passage says so much Truth, let's try and break it down. First we must understand there will be <u>TWO Types of Resurrections!</u> One will be <u>Physical</u> which <u>All will attend</u> (v.28), that is everyone who lived (existed) on Earth (even aborted un-born babies); and the Other will be <u>Spiritual</u> which <u>Few will Attend</u> (v. 25)! This second one should scare us unto salvation. Notice what God says (v. 28,29); "for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good (Saved), unto the <u>resurrection of life</u>; and they that have done evil (un-saved), unto the <u>resurrection of damnation</u>. We know the scriptures tell us that out of the Billions and Billions of people that have existed on Earth since the beginning, Only a Few Attain Salvation! This means the rest must be in Hell right now! This is hard to swallow but True according to the Word of God! God calls those that find the resurrection of Life the **remnant** (few in number).

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (Matt. 7:13,14)

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Matt. 7:21-23)

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. (1 John 2:6)

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Prov. 14:12 & 16:25)

The reason GOD visited Earth in the Person of Christ is to save us from Death, Hell, and the Grave. God paid the highest price one can pay, that was, the death of His Only Son on a Cruel Roman Cross of Calvary as payment against all Humanity's Sin. Friend, if that is not the ultimate Love we have no idea what True Love is! But God also requires something from us in return (FAITH). God's Grace was freely given to us through the Cross, but, we must access that Grace BY OUR FAITH! God did His part, now we must do ours!

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Eph. 2:8,9)

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. (Titus: 2:11,12)

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

<u>Lest there be any fornicator</u>, <u>or profane person</u>, <u>as Esau</u>, <u>who for one morsel</u> <u>of meat sold his birthright</u>. (Heb. 12:15,16)

We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.). (2 Cor. 6:1,2)

<u>Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord</u> <u>Jesus Christ</u>: <u>By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God</u>. (Rom. 5:1,2)

Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. (Rom. 3:28-30)

For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest." And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world.

(Heb. 4:2,3) NIV

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: (1 Pet. 1:3-7)

Jesus Came too Resurrect us unto Eternal Life from the Death Sentence of SIN Jesus is Life, Sin is Death and Hell! Because Jesus lives we also shall live IN HIM!

Eternal life is <u>IN HIM</u>, not in our good works. Jesus came to Earth on a rescue mission. Don't forget we have a great enemy of our Soul (satan). He has opposed God since the very beginning. But Jesus defeated him at the Cross and made an open mockery of him in plain sight (Col. 2:15).

**The Hour is Coming and NOW IS** (When Jesus was Manifested on Earth)

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GOD Raised us up with Him (the Life that is in Jesus Christ)
We are all born spiritually dead because of Adams sin, our spirit was born dead to the things of God! But God gives us a new spirit and heart through Jesus! Amen.

Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. (Ezek. 36:25-27)

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. (Eph. 2:4-7)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. (John 1:1-5) v.14 Word made flesh!

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:10-13)

And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead. (Matt. 8:21,22) ASV

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:14-18)

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. (John 3:36)

And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. (John 5:38-43)

Jesus came to give life to dead corpses all over the world! But those who hear His voice will live! Christ calls out with resurrection power that only belongs to God. Hearing His voice means, hearing with your physical ear and <u>believing with your heart</u>. You must not only hear, but believe what you hear (James 2:20):

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek:

for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Rom. 10:10-13)

For many are called, but few are chosen. (Matt. 22:14)

Pay close attention to what God is saying here! <u>Many are called</u>; that means many will hear (Churches are full of people), but <u>few are chosen</u>; that means that God will only choose a few to enter into Heaven. This should scare us into taking HIS Will Seriously! Scriptures tells us that not all that say <u>Lord Lord</u> will enter into heaven but, <u>those who do the will of my Father</u>.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

(Matt. 7:21)

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: (Eph. 1:11)

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. (Phil. 2:13)

That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. (1 Pet. 4:2)

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. (Rev. 3:5)

<u>Then said I</u> (*JESUS*), <u>Lo</u>, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, <u>O God</u>. (Heb. 10:7)

He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

(Matt. 26:42)

And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. (Luke 11:2)

David was a man after God's own heart. God Himself said so, what a great honor from God himself! David's heart was pure unto God. What about us?

But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them. (2 Sam. 24:24) NIV

Salvation is free but the will of God will cost you something! Integrity is what God is looking for in a man. If you think God will overlook your sacrifice after what He has done for you; you are sadly mistaken.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Rom. 12:1,2)

<u>The LORD shall judge the people</u>: <u>judge me</u>, <u>O LORD</u>, <u>according to my</u> <u>righteousness</u>, <u>and according to mine integrity that is in me</u>. (Psa. 7:8)

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee. (Psa. 25:21)

<u>Judge me</u>, <u>O LORD</u>; <u>for I have walked in mine integrity</u>: <u>I have trusted also in the LORD</u>; <u>therefore I shall not slide</u>. (Psa. 26:1)

God's Perfect Example to the Church. (Job) Chapters 1 & 2: It's one thing when men speak well of you, but it's totally something else when God Himself speaks well of you!

And Jehovah said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job? for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth away from evil. (Job 1:8) ASV

Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God. (v.22) NASB

And Jehovah said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered Jehovah, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And Jehovah said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job?

for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth away from evil: and he still holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

(Job 2:2,3) ASV

## The Judgement of Men Must be in the Physical

That's why Jesus became a physical man, the God-Man. As a man (human) He has the Right to Judge Good and Evil according to God's Word. Remember He is the Word of God (John 1). Heaven and Hell will be filled with real bodies like the ones we had on Earth! Hell's bodies will be literally burning and suffering forever and ever. Heaven's bodies will be super human and blessed like Jesus.

## Make Sure You Hear His Voice and LIVE

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: (John 10:27)

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

(John 10:16)

Verily, Verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

(John 5:25)

"And he said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth.

(Acts 22:14) NASB

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. (Rev. 21:3)

Obedience to His Voice is Above All Else

And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. (1 Sam. 15:22)

Obedience is the key to the Blessings of God. If you think you can disobey God and still get Blessed by doing good works (giving to the Church, feeding the poor, participating in Church activities, etc.) you are sadly mistaken and being deceived by satan. God does not tolerate disobedience in His Kingdom. Everyone and everything in His Kingdom Praises, Worships, and Bows down in perfect obedience to Lord Jesus. Either Jesus is Lord of All, or He is not Lord at all!

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. (Rev. 4:8-11)

How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil. (Prov. 1:22-33)