

Romans 6:5

Romans 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

First of all, if you have been saved and born again, there is part of you that has already been resurrected; that is your spirit. The word of God says we should walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4) and that we should serve in newness of spirit (Romans 7:6) since all things have become new for us. Before you were saved, your spirit was dead. After you trusted Christ, God quickened your spirit and joined it to his Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:17). Your Spirit was made alive, your soul was saved, and your flesh, well, it's not saved yet. It hasn't experienced his resurrection yet. But that comes at the end, which is really the beginning. And we will talk about this in the second part.

Tonight we are going to talk about our resurrection. The first part is on, what's next after our spiritual resurrection, and the second part deals with our physical resurrection.

Part 1: What's next after our spiritual resurrection?

The Resurrection:

We have been planted

First mention is in Genesis 2:7-8, "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed."

And breathed into his nostrils the breath of life...

When you were born again, God breathed into you the breath of life (the Holy Ghost – John 20:22) and you became alive. The Bible says "and you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses in sins (Ephesians 2:1; John 5:21, 6:63).

Then after he breathed into you the Holy Spirit, he planted a garden *eastward*

The Bible likens us to something planted.

Isaiah 60:21 – those Jews that God plants inherit the land for ever.

Psalm 1:1-3 – A man that delights in God's law and dwells on it daily is like a tree that brings forth fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 – A man that trusts in the LORD shall not cease from yielding fruit

Psalm 92:12-14 those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish and bring forth fruit

The Bible also likens us to a garden.

Song of Solomon 4:12-16

We are like a secret garden, a spring that is shut up, a fountain that is sealed only for the King. The King greatly delights in the fruits this garden produces. The woman says, let my beloved come into his garden, and eat.

Isaiah 58:11 he shall make thee as a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters fail not

*Jesus dwells in the gardens (Song of Solomon 8:13)

He planted the garden *eastward*.

Eastward passages

Leviticus 16:14 (The blood that was sprinkled upon the mercy seat on the day of atonement was sprinkled eastward).

Numbers 3:38 Those that encamped the tabernacle toward the east were Moses, Aaron, and his sons.

Ezekiel 43:1-7 At the Second Coming, the LORD JESUS comes through the eastern gate. The eastern gate is a focal point during the 1,000 year reign of Christ (Ezekiel 46:1-12) Water comes out from the eastern part of the house (Ezekiel 47:1)

And there he put the man that he had formed

God put the new man that he had formed renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him into a garden, and he told the new man to dress and keep it. You know what God wants you to do after salvation? Dress and keep your garden. Maintain your Christian life. Work on that garden so it can bring forth fruit onto God.

The first job in the Bible was a gardener (Genesis 2), when Jesus rose from the dead, they mistook him as the gardener (John 20:14-16). But the LORD is that great gardener!

So the scripture likens us saved people to a plant and a garden. God throughout his word states that he wants us to bear much fruit

- John 15:1-8 (the whole context is bearing fruit for God, not who gets eternal life or not)
- Romans 7:4
- Colossians 1:10
- Titus 3:14
- Hebrews 12:11
- 2 Peter 1:4-9

If the corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it bringeth forth much fruit (John 12:24)

What you sow is not quickened EXCEPT it die (1 Corinthians 15:36)

In the mean time, that is the time from you second birth day until the day you receive your new body, we are to tend to our garden, feed the new man, grow up into Christ, that we might bring forth fruit unto God that is well pleasing in his sight.

Praise God there is a TIME to pluck up that which is planted! (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2)

Part 2: Our Physical Resurrection

Now the Bible says that Christ is the first one to rise from the dead (Acts 26:23). Now there is a “problem” with that statement because Jesus Christ wasn’t the first one to rise from the dead. I remember saying to you that the supposed contradictions in the Bible aren’t contradictions if you rightly divide them. And usually these supposed contradictions are actually truth and blessings in disguise.

Now here a few people that were resurrected before Christ’s resurrection: Moses (Jude 1), The widow woman’s son (1 Kings 17:18-24), a dead man that touched Elisha’s bones (2 Kings 13:20-21), Lazarus (John 11), a 12 year old girl (Mark 5:40-43).

But all of these men that were resurrected died again (Moses will die in the tribulation – Revelation 11). God doesn’t count that as a resurrection. When Jesus died and rose again, he could no longer die ever again. A resurrection in God’s eyes is when a man that was dead, rises again and never dies. So the Bible is true in saying that Jesus Christ was the first to rise from the dead!

1. When will our physical resurrection occur?

The Day of Christ (The Rapture of the Church)

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2, Philippians 1:3-6, Philippians 2:12-16, 1 Corinthians 1:4-8
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

2. What happens at our resurrection?

- Our vile body shall be changed (Philippians 3:20-21, Job 14:10-14, Psalm 17:14-15) into Christ’s likeness (1 John 3:1-2, Romans 8:29-31, 1 Corinthians 15:49) in a moment (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)
- We receive a body that has no blood (1 Corinthians 15:50, Luke 24:39, Ephesians 5:30, Genesis 2:23). The Bible says the life of the flesh is in the blood (Leviticus 17:11). You and I have bad blood in us. In our new body we won’t have any blood.
- We receive a body that is incapable of corruption and dying (1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 52-57; Joel 2:1-11)
- We receive a body that cannot sin who has complete liberty (Romans 8:18-23)

* The last time a form of the word “sin” appears in your Bible is in Revelation 18, the chapter before the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ.

* Our new body cannot die, it cannot sin, it cannot disobey God, it cannot be hurt with or by anything: Why; it has been conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

3. We ascend into heaven and are judged

- Ascension (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 4:1-4)

- Judgment Seat of Christ (Romans 14:10-13, 2 Corinthians 5:9-11, 2 Corinthians 5:9-11)

* Depending upon an individuals outcome at the judgment seat of Christ, will determine how much they shine for all eternity (1 Corinthians 15:41-42, Daniel 12:2-3, Matthew 13:41-43, Hebrews 11:33-35)