

Choose This Day...

A Bible study designed to bring understanding and decision.

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The Two Resurrections

All that have died prior to the return of Jesus Christ at His second advent, are asleep in the grave. Christ has finished the investigative judgment. What is the next event to occur regarding the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked?

Opening prayer: Merciful Father, lead us through Your word to an understanding of the resurrection of the wicked and righteous. Fill our minds with Your Spirit of Truth, we ask in the name of Jesus, our King and Saviour, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is it telling us about the resurrection of the dead?

1. *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* "But I would not have you to be _____, brethren, concerning them which are _____, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which _____ in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the _____ in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

2. *Revelation 20:4-6* "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not _____ the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived _____ again until the _____ years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That out of this prison-house of the grave, mankind are to be brought by a _____ resurrection; the _____ having part in the first resurrection which takes place at the _____ coming of Christ; the _____, in the second resurrection, which takes place in a _____ years thereafter Revelation 20:4-6.

thousand / bodily / second / righteous / wicked

Closing prayer: All-knowing God, You have answered our prayer for understanding. It is such a blessing to see how line upon line, precept upon precept, Your word leaves no room for individual interpretation. That it is sure and unchanged, as You are. Our faith grows with each additional piece of information. We ask that You complete Your work in us, the renewal that is necessary to escape the second death. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

Answers: 1. ignorant, asleep, sleep, dead 2. worshipped, not, thousand