

CHANGED - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-58

1. TWO KINDS OF RESURRECTIONS

A. SPIRITUAL RESURRECTION

- I. **EPHESIANS 2:1-6** AS FOR YOU, **YOU WERE DEAD** IN YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS AND SINS, ²IN WHICH YOU USED TO LIVE WHEN YOU FOLLOWED THE WAYS OF THIS WORLD AND OF THE RULER OF THE KINGDOM OF THE AIR, THE SPIRIT WHO IS NOW AT WORK IN THOSE WHO ARE DISOBEDIENT. ³ALL OF US ALSO LIVED AMONG THEM AT ONE TIME, GRATIFYING THE CRAVINGS OF OUR SINFUL NATURE AND FOLLOWING ITS DESIRES AND THOUGHTS. LIKE THE REST, WE WERE BY NATURE OBJECTS OF WRATH. ⁴BUT BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US, GOD, WHO IS RICH IN MERCY, ⁵MADE US ALIVE WITH CHRIST EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN TRANSGRESSIONS--IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED. ⁶AND GOD RAISED US UP WITH CHRIST AND **SEATED US WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS IN CHRIST JESUS,**
- II. EPHESIANS **5:14** FOR IT IS LIGHT THAT MAKES EVERYTHING VISIBLE. THIS IS WHY IT IS SAID: "**WAKE UP, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM THE DEAD, AND CHRIST WILL SHINE ON YOU.**"
- III. **1 CORINTHIANS 11:7** A MAN OUGHT NOT TO COVER HIS HEAD, SINCE HE IS THE **IMAGE AND GLORY OF GOD**; BUT THE WOMAN IS THE GLORY OF MAN.
- IV. **EPHESIANS 4:21-24** SURELY YOU HEARD OF HIM AND WERE TAUGHT IN HIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRUTH THAT IS IN JESUS. ²²YOU WERE TAUGHT, WITH REGARD TO YOUR FORMER WAY OF LIFE, TO PUT OFF YOUR OLD SELF, WHICH IS BEING CORRUPTED BY ITS DECEITFUL DESIRES; ²³TO BE MADE NEW IN THE ATTITUDE OF YOUR MINDS; ²⁴AND TO **PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED TO BE LIKE GOD IN TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.**
- V. **COLOSSIANS 3:10** AND HAVE PUT ON THE NEW SELF, WHICH IS BEING RENEWED IN KNOWLEDGE IN THE **IMAGE OF ITS CREATOR.**

B. RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

- I. **JOHN 5:23-29** THAT ALL MAY HONOR THE SON JUST AS THEY HONOR THE FATHER. HE WHO DOES NOT HONOR THE SON DOES NOT HONOR THE FATHER, WHO SENT HIM. ²⁴"I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, WHOEVER HEARS MY WORD AND BELIEVES HIM WHO SENT ME HAS ETERNAL LIFE AND WILL NOT BE CONDEMNED; HE HAS CROSSED OVER FROM DEATH TO LIFE. ²⁵I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, A TIME IS COMING AND HAS NOW COME WHEN THE DEAD WILL HEAR THE VOICE OF THE SON OF GOD AND THOSE WHO HEAR WILL LIVE. ²⁶FOR AS THE FATHER HAS LIFE IN HIMSELF, SO HE HAS GRANTED THE SON TO HAVE LIFE IN HIMSELF. ²⁷AND HE HAS GIVEN HIM AUTHORITY TO JUDGE BECAUSE HE IS THE SON OF MAN. ²⁸"DO NOT BE AMAZED AT THIS, FOR A TIME IS COMING WHEN ALL WHO ARE IN THEIR GRAVES WILL HEAR HIS VOICE ²⁹AND COME OUT--**THOSE WHO HAVE DONE GOOD WILL RISE TO LIVE**, AND THOSE WHO HAVE **DONE EVIL WILL RISE TO BE CONDEMNED**.
2. MANS SPIRIT IS SEPARATE FROM HIS BODY
 - A. MAN IS IN THREE PARTS: SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY
 - I. **1 THESSALONIANS 5:23** MAY GOD HIMSELF, THE GOD OF PEACE, SANCTIFY YOU THROUGH AND THROUGH. MAY YOUR **WHOLE SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY** BE KEPT BLAMELESS AT THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
 - II. **HEBREWS 4:12** FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE. SHARPER THAN ANY DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD, IT PENETRATES EVEN TO **DIVIDING SOUL AND SPIRIT, JOINTS AND MARROW**; IT JUDGES THE THOUGHTS AND ATTITUDES OF THE HEART.
3. MAN HAS TWO ORIGINAL SOURCES
 - A. HE IS FROM THE EARTH AND FROM GOD.
 - I. **GENESIS 2:7** THE LORD GOD FORMED THE MAN FROM THE DUST OF THE GROUND AND BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS THE BREATH OF LIFE, AND THE MAN BECAME A LIVING BEING.
4. AT DEATH BODY AND SPIRIT ARE SEPARATED
 - A. BODY RETURNS TO THE EARTH, SPIRIT IS REMOVED.
 - I. **ECCLESIASTES 3:18-21** I ALSO THOUGHT, "AS FOR MEN, GOD TESTS THEM SO THAT THEY MAY SEE THAT THEY ARE LIKE THE ANIMALS. ¹⁹MAN'S FATE IS LIKE THAT OF THE ANIMALS; THE SAME FATE AWAITS THEM BOTH: AS ONE DIES, SO DIES THE OTHER. ALL HAVE THE SAME BREATH; MAN HAS NO ADVANTAGE OVER THE ANIMAL. EVERYTHING IS MEANINGLESS. ²⁰ALL GO TO THE SAME PLACE; ALL COME FROM DUST, AND TO DUST ALL RETURN. ²¹WHO KNOWS IF THE SPIRIT OF MAN RISES UPWARD AND IF THE SPIRIT OF THE ANIMAL GOES DOWN INTO THE EARTH?"
 - II. **ECCLESIASTES 12:7** AND THE **DUST RETURNS TO THE GROUND** IT CAME FROM, AND **THE SPIRIT RETURNS TO GOD WHO GAVE IT**.
 - III. **JUDE 1:9** BUT EVEN THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, WHEN HE WAS **DISPUTING WITH THE**

DEVIL ABOUT THE BODY OF MOSES, DID NOT DARE TO BRING A SLANDEROUS ACCUSATION AGAINST HIM, BUT SAID, "THE LORD REBUKE YOU!"

5. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SPIRIT BEFORE THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST?

A. IT WENT TO HELL OR PARADISE

I. **ISAIAH 14:9-10** **HELL FROM BENEATH IS MOVED FOR THEE TO MEET THEE** AT THY COMING: IT STIRRETH UP THE DEAD FOR THEE, *EVEN* ALL THE CHIEF ONES OF THE EARTH; IT HATH RAISED UP FROM THEIR THRONES ALL THE KINGS OF THE NATIONS. ¹⁰ALL THEY SHALL SPEAK AND SAY UNTO THEE, ART THOU ALSO BECOME WEAK AS WE? ART THOU BECOME LIKE UNTO US?

II. **EZEKIEL 32:17-32** IT CAME TO PASS ALSO IN THE TWELFTH YEAR, IN THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH, *THAT* THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME UNTO ME, SAYING, ¹⁸SON OF MAN, WAIL FOR THE MULTITUDE OF EGYPT, AND CAST THEM DOWN, *EVEN* HER, AND THE DAUGHTERS OF THE FAMOUS NATIONS, **UNTO THE NETHER PARTS OF THE EARTH, WITH THEM THAT GO DOWN INTO THE PIT.** ¹⁹WHOM DOST THOU PASS IN BEAUTY? GO DOWN, AND BE THOU LAID WITH THE UNCIRCUMCISED. ²⁰THEY SHALL FALL IN THE MIDST OF *THEM THAT ARE* SLAIN BY THE SWORD: SHE IS DELIVERED TO THE SWORD: DRAW HER AND ALL HER MULTITUDES. ²¹THE STRONG AMONG THE MIGHTY SHALL SPEAK TO HIM OUT OF THE MIDST OF HELL WITH THEM THAT HELP HIM: THEY ARE GONE DOWN, THEY LIE UNCIRCUMCISED, SLAIN BY THE SWORD. ²²ASSHUR *IS* THERE AND ALL HER COMPANY: HIS GRAVES *ARE* ABOUT HIM: ALL OF THEM SLAIN, FALLEN BY THE SWORD: ²³WHOSE GRAVES ARE SET IN THE SIDES OF THE PIT, AND HER COMPANY IS ROUND ABOUT HER GRAVE: ALL OF THEM SLAIN, FALLEN BY THE SWORD, WHICH CAUSED TERROR IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING. ²⁴THERE *IS* ELAM AND ALL HER MULTITUDE ROUND ABOUT HER GRAVE, ALL OF THEM SLAIN, FALLEN BY THE SWORD, WHICH ARE GONE DOWN UNCIRCUMCISED INTO THE NETHER PARTS OF THE EARTH, WHICH CAUSED THEIR TERROR IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING; YET HAVE THEY BORNE THEIR SHAME WITH THEM THAT GO DOWN TO THE PIT. ²⁵THEY HAVE SET HER A BED IN THE MIDST OF THE SLAIN WITH ALL HER MULTITUDE: HER GRAVES *ARE* ROUND ABOUT HIM: ALL OF THEM UNCIRCUMCISED, SLAIN BY THE SWORD: THOUGH THEIR TERROR WAS CAUSED IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING, YET HAVE THEY BORNE THEIR SHAME WITH THEM THAT GO DOWN TO THE PIT: HE IS PUT IN THE MIDST OF *THEM*

THAT BE SLAIN. ²⁶THERE IS MESHECH, TUBAL, AND ALL HER MULTITUDE: HER GRAVES ARE ROUND ABOUT HIM: ALL OF THEM UNCIRCUMCISED, SLAIN BY THE SWORD, THOUGH THEY CAUSED THEIR TERROR IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING. ²⁷AND THEY SHALL NOT LIE WITH THE MIGHTY *THAT ARE* FALLEN OF THE UNCIRCUMCISED, WHICH ARE GONE DOWN TO HELL WITH THEIR WEAPONS OF WAR: AND THEY HAVE LAID THEIR SWORDS UNDER THEIR HEADS, BUT THEIR INIQUITIES SHALL BE UPON THEIR BONES, THOUGH *THEY WERE* THE TERROR OF THE MIGHTY IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING. ²⁸YEA, THOU SHALT BE BROKEN IN THE MIDST OF THE UNCIRCUMCISED, AND SHALT LIE WITH *THEM THAT ARE* SLAIN WITH THE SWORD. ²⁹THERE IS EDOM, HER KINGS, AND ALL HER PRINCES, WHICH WITH THEIR MIGHT ARE LAID BY *THEM THAT WERE* SLAIN BY THE SWORD: THEY SHALL LIE WITH THE UNCIRCUMCISED, AND WITH THEM THAT GO DOWN TO THE PIT. ³⁰THERE BE THE PRINCES OF THE NORTH, ALL OF THEM, AND ALL THE ZIDONIANS, WHICH ARE GONE DOWN WITH THE SLAIN; WITH THEIR TERROR THEY ARE ASHAMED OF THEIR MIGHT; AND THEY LIE UNCIRCUMCISED WITH *THEM THAT BE* SLAIN BY THE SWORD, AND BEAR THEIR SHAME WITH THEM THAT GO DOWN TO THE PIT. ³¹PHARAOH SHALL SEE THEM, AND SHALL BE COMFORTED OVER ALL HIS MULTITUDE, *EVEN* PHARAOH AND ALL HIS ARMY SLAIN BY THE SWORD, SAITH THE LORD GOD. ³²FOR I HAVE CAUSED MY TERROR IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING: AND HE SHALL BE LAID IN THE MIDST OF THE UNCIRCUMCISED WITH *THEM THAT ARE* SLAIN WITH THE SWORD, *EVEN* PHARAOH AND ALL HIS MULTITUDE, SAITH THE LORD GOD.

- III. **LUKE 16:19-31** *THERE WAS A CERTAIN RICH MAN, WHICH WAS CLOTHED IN PURPLE AND FINE LINEN, AND FARED SUMPTUOUSLY EVERY DAY:* ²⁰AND THERE WAS A CERTAIN BEGGAR NAMED LAZARUS, WHICH WAS LAID AT HIS GATE, FULL OF SORES, ²¹AND DESIRING TO BE FED WITH THE CRUMBS WHICH FELL FROM THE RICH MAN'S TABLE: MOREOVER THE DOGS CAME AND LICKED HIS SORES. ²²AND IT CAME TO PASS, THAT THE BEGGAR DIED, AND WAS **CARRIED BY THE ANGELS INTO ABRAHAM'S BOSOM:** THE RICH MAN ALSO DIED, AND WAS BURIED; ²³AND **IN HELL** HE LIFT UP HIS EYES, BEING IN TORMENTS, AND SEETH ABRAHAM AFAR OFF, AND LAZARUS IN HIS BOSOM. ²⁴AND HE CRIED AND SAID, FATHER ABRAHAM, HAVE MERCY

ON ME, AND SEND LAZARUS, THAT HE MAY DIP THE TIP OF HIS FINGER IN WATER, AND COOL MY TONGUE; FOR I AM TORMENTED IN THIS FLAME.

²⁵BUT ABRAHAM SAID, SON, REMEMBER THAT THOU IN THY LIFETIME RECEIVEDST THY GOOD THINGS, AND LIKEWISE LAZARUS EVIL THINGS: BUT NOW HE IS COMFORTED, AND THOU ART TORMENTED. ²⁶AND BESIDE ALL THIS, BETWEEN US AND YOU THERE IS A GREAT GULF FIXED: SO THAT THEY WHICH WOULD PASS FROM HENCE TO YOU CANNOT; NEITHER CAN THEY PASS TO US, THAT *WOULD COME* FROM THENCE. ²⁷THEN HE SAID, I PRAY THEE THEREFORE, FATHER, THAT THOU Wouldest SEND HIM TO MY FATHER'S HOUSE: ²⁸FOR I HAVE FIVE BRETHREN; THAT HE MAY TESTIFY UNTO THEM, LEST THEY ALSO COME INTO THIS PLACE OF TORMENT.

²⁹ABRAHAM SAITH UNTO HIM, THEY HAVE MOSES AND THE PROPHETS; LET THEM HEAR THEM. ³⁰AND HE SAID, NAY, FATHER ABRAHAM: BUT IF ONE WENT UNTO THEM FROM THE DEAD, THEY WILL REPENT. ³¹AND HE SAID UNTO HIM, IF THEY HEAR NOT MOSES AND THE PROPHETS, NEITHER WILL THEY BE PERSUADED, THOUGH ONE ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

IV. **LUKE 23:43** JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH **ME IN PARADISE.**"

V. **EPHESIANS 4:7-11** BUT TO EACH ONE OF US GRACE HAS BEEN GIVEN AS CHRIST APPORTIONED IT. ⁸THIS IS WHY IT SAYS: "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVES IN HIS TRAIN AND GAVE GIFTS TO MEN." ⁹(WHAT DOES "HE ASCENDED" MEAN EXCEPT THAT HE ALSO DESCENDED TO THE LOWER, EARTHLY REGIONS? ¹⁰**HE WHO DESCENDED IS THE VERY ONE WHO ASCENDED HIGHER THAN ALL THE HEAVENS**, IN ORDER TO FILL THE WHOLE UNIVERSE.) ¹¹IT WAS HE WHO GAVE SOME TO BE APOSTLES, SOME TO BE PROPHETS, SOME TO BE EVANGELISTS, AND SOME TO BE PASTORS AND TEACHERS,

6. WHAT HAPPENS NOW TO THE SPIRIT OF THE BELIEVER AT [DEATH]?

A. IT GOES TO BE WITH THE LORD.

I. **ACTS 7:55-60** BUT STEPHEN, FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, LOOKED UP TO HEAVEN AND SAW THE GLORY OF GOD, AND JESUS STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. ⁵⁶"LOOK," HE SAID, "I SEE HEAVEN OPEN AND THE SON OF MAN STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD." ⁵⁷AT THIS THEY COVERED THEIR EARS AND, YELLING AT THE

- TOP OF THEIR VOICES, THEY ALL RUSHED AT HIM, ⁵⁸DRAGGED HIM OUT OF THE CITY AND BEGAN TO STONE HIM. MEANWHILE, THE WITNESSES LAID THEIR CLOTHES AT THE FEET OF A YOUNG MAN NAMED SAUL. ⁵⁹WHILE THEY WERE STONING HIM, STEPHEN PRAYED, "LORD JESUS, RECEIVE MY SPIRIT." ⁶⁰THEN HE FELL ON HIS KNEES AND CRIED OUT, "LORD, DO NOT HOLD THIS SIN AGAINST THEM." WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS, HE FELL ASLEEP.
- II. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-9** THEREFORE WE ARE ALWAYS CONFIDENT AND KNOW THAT AS LONG AS WE ARE AT **HOME IN THE BODY WE ARE AWAY FROM THE LORD.** ⁷WE LIVE BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT. ⁸WE ARE CONFIDENT, I SAY, AND WOULD PREFER TO BE **AWAY FROM THE BODY AND AT HOME WITH THE LORD.** ⁹SO WE MAKE IT OUR GOAL TO PLEASE HIM, WHETHER WE ARE AT HOME IN THE BODY OR AWAY FROM IT.
- III. **PHILIPPIANS 1:21-24** FOR TO ME, TO LIVE IS CHRIST AND TO DIE IS GAIN. ²²IF I AM TO GO ON LIVING IN THE BODY, THIS WILL MEAN FRUITFUL LABOR FOR ME. YET WHAT SHALL I CHOOSE? I DO NOT KNOW! ²³I AM TORN BETWEEN THE TWO: **I DESIRE TO DEPART AND BE WITH CHRIST,** WHICH IS BETTER BY FAR; ²⁴BUT IT IS MORE NECESSARY FOR YOU THAT I REMAIN IN THE BODY.
7. WHEN THE BODY IS RESURRECTED, WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE, WHAT IS RESURRECTED?
- A. YOUR PRESENT BODY MAKE WHOLE!
- I. **PSALM 139:13-16** FOR YOU CREATED MY INMOST BEING; YOU KNIT ME TOGETHER IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB. ¹⁴I PRAISE YOU BECAUSE I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE; YOUR WORKS ARE WONDERFUL, I KNOW THAT FULL WELL. ¹⁵MY FRAME WAS NOT HIDDEN FROM YOU WHEN I WAS MADE IN THE SECRET PLACE. WHEN I WAS WOVEN TOGETHER IN THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH, ¹⁶**YOUR EYES SAW MY UNFORMED BODY. ALL THE DAYS ORDAINED FOR ME WERE WRITTEN IN YOUR BOOK BEFORE ONE OF THEM CAME TO BE.**
- II. **MATTHEW 10:30** **AND EVEN THE VERY HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED.**
- III. **LUKE 21:16-18** **YOU WILL BE BETRAYED EVEN BY PARENTS, BROTHERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS, AND THEY WILL PUT SOME OF YOU TO DEATH.** ¹⁷ALL MEN WILL HATE YOU BECAUSE OF ME. ¹⁸**BUT NOT A HAIR OF YOUR HEAD WILL PERISH.**
- IV. **LUKE 24:39-40** **LOOK AT MY HANDS AND MY FEET. IT IS I MYSELF! TOUCH ME AND SEE; A GHOST DOES NOT HAVE FLESH AND BONES, AS YOU SEE I HAVE.** ⁴⁰WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS, HE SHOWED THEM HIS HANDS AND FEET.
- B. MUCH LIKE IT IS TODAY!
- I. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-39** BUT SOMEONE MAY ASK, "HOW ARE THE DEAD RAISED? WITH WHAT KIND OF BODY WILL THEY COME?" ³⁶HOW FOOLISH! WHAT YOU SOW DOES NOT COME TO LIFE UNLESS IT DIES. ³⁷WHEN YOU SOW, YOU DO NOT PLANT THE BODY THAT WILL BE, BUT JUST A SEED, PERHAPS OF WHEAT OR OF SOMETHING ELSE. ³⁸BUT **GOD GIVES IT A BODY** AS HE HAS DETERMINED, AND TO EACH KIND OF SEED HE **GIVES**

ITS OWN BODY. ³⁹ALL FLESH IS NOT THE SAME: MEN HAVE ONE KIND OF FLESH, ANIMALS HAVE ANOTHER, BIRDS ANOTHER AND FISH ANOTHER.

8. WHAT IS THE ORDER OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

A. JESUS THE CHRIST

- I. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-34** **BUT CHRIST HAS INDEED BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, THE FIRSTFRUITS OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP.** ²¹FOR SINCE DEATH CAME THROUGH A MAN, THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD COMES ALSO THROUGH A MAN. ²²FOR AS IN ADAM ALL DIE, SO IN CHRIST ALL WILL BE MADE ALIVE. ²³BUT EACH IN HIS OWN TURN: CHRIST, THE FIRSTFRUITS; THEN, WHEN HE COMES, THOSE WHO BELONG TO HIM. ²⁴THEN THE END WILL COME, WHEN HE HANDS OVER THE KINGDOM TO GOD THE FATHER AFTER HE HAS DESTROYED ALL DOMINION, AUTHORITY AND POWER. ²⁵FOR HE MUST REIGN UNTIL HE HAS PUT ALL HIS ENEMIES UNDER HIS FEET. ²⁶THE LAST ENEMY TO BE DESTROYED IS DEATH. ²⁷FOR HE "HAS PUT EVERYTHING UNDER HIS FEET." NOW WHEN IT SAYS THAT "EVERYTHING" HAS BEEN PUT UNDER HIM, IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE GOD HIMSELF, WHO PUT EVERYTHING UNDER CHRIST. ²⁸WHEN HE HAS DONE THIS, THEN THE SON HIMSELF WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO HIM WHO PUT EVERYTHING UNDER HIM, SO THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL. ²⁹NOW IF THERE IS NO RESURRECTION, WHAT WILL THOSE DO WHO ARE BAPTIZED FOR THE DEAD? IF THE DEAD ARE NOT RAISED AT ALL, WHY ARE PEOPLE BAPTIZED FOR THEM? ³⁰AND AS FOR US, WHY DO WE ENDANGER OURSELVES EVERY HOUR? ³¹I DIE EVERY DAY--I MEAN THAT, BROTHERS--JUST AS SURELY AS I GLORY OVER YOU IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. ³²IF I FOUGHT WILD BEASTS IN EPHESUS FOR MERELY HUMAN REASONS, WHAT HAVE I GAINED? IF THE DEAD ARE NOT RAISED, "LET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE." ³³DO NOT BE MISLED: "BAD COMPANY CORRUPTS GOOD CHARACTER." ³⁴COME BACK TO YOUR SENSES AS YOU OUGHT, AND STOP SINNING; FOR THERE ARE SOME WHO ARE IGNORANT OF GOD--I SAY THIS TO YOUR SHAME.

II. MANY OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS

- (1) **MATTHEW 27:52-53** THE TOMBS BROKE OPEN AND **THE BODIES OF MANY HOLY PEOPLE WHO HAD DIED WERE RAISED TO LIFE.** ⁵³THEY CAME OUT OF THE TOMBS, AND AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION THEY WENT INTO THE HOLY CITY AND APPEARED TO MANY PEOPLE.

III. THOSE WHO ARE [IN CHRIST] AND [ARE CHRIST'S] AT THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH.

- (1) **1 CORINTHIANS 15:23** BUT EACH IN HIS OWN TURN: CHRIST, THE FIRSTFRUITS; THEN, WHEN HE COMES, **THOSE WHO BELONG TO HIM.**
- (2) **1 THESSALONIANS 4:14-17** WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN AND SO WE BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL BRING WITH JESUS THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP IN HIM. ¹⁵ACCORDING TO THE LORD'S OWN WORD, WE TELL YOU THAT WE

WHO ARE STILL ALIVE, WHO ARE LEFT TILL THE COMING OF THE LORD, WILL CERTAINLY NOT PRECEDE THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP. ¹⁶FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, WITH A LOUD COMMAND, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL AND WITH THE TRUMPET CALL OF GOD, AND **THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST.** ¹⁷AFTER THAT, **WE WHO ARE STILL ALIVE AND ARE LEFT** WILL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR. AND SO WE WILL BE WITH THE LORD FOREVER.

- (3) **1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-58** LISTEN, I TELL YOU A MYSTERY: WE WILL NOT ALL SLEEP, BUT WE WILL ALL BE CHANGED-- ⁵²IN A FLASH, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMPET. FOR THE TRUMPET WILL SOUND, THE DEAD WILL BE RAISED IMPERISHABLE, AND WE WILL BE CHANGED. ⁵³FOR THE PERISHABLE MUST CLOTHE ITSELF WITH THE IMPERISHABLE, AND THE MORTAL WITH IMMORTALITY. ⁵⁴WHEN THE PERISHABLE HAS BEEN CLOTHED WITH THE IMPERISHABLE, AND THE MORTAL WITH IMMORTALITY, THEN THE SAYING THAT IS WRITTEN WILL COME TRUE: "DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY." ⁵⁵"WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR VICTORY? WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR STING?" ⁵⁶THE STING OF DEATH IS SIN, AND THE POWER OF SIN IS THE LAW. ⁵⁷BUT THANKS BE TO GOD! HE GIVES US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. ⁵⁸THEREFORE, MY DEAR BROTHERS, **STAND FIRM. LET NOTHING MOVE YOU. ALWAYS GIVE YOURSELVES FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN.**

(A) IN THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH, WHO DOES JESUS SAY HE IS COMING FOR?

(I) **MATTHEW 24:42 "THEREFORE KEEP WATCH, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW ON WHAT DAY YOUR LORD WILL COME.**

(II) **MATTHEW 25:13 "THEREFORE KEEP WATCH, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW THE DAY OR THE HOUR.**

(III) **MARK 13:33-37 BE ON GUARD! BE ALERT! YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THAT TIME WILL COME.** ³⁴IT'S LIKE A MAN GOING AWAY: HE LEAVES HIS HOUSE AND PUTS HIS SERVANTS IN CHARGE, EACH WITH HIS ASSIGNED TASK, AND TELLS THE ONE AT THE DOOR TO KEEP WATCH. ³⁵"THEREFORE KEEP WATCH BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE WILL COME BACK--WHETHER IN THE EVENING, OR AT MIDNIGHT, OR WHEN THE ROOSTER CROWS, OR AT DAWN. ³⁶IF HE COMES SUDDENLY, **DO NOT LET HIM FIND YOU SLEEPING.** ³⁷**WHAT I SAY TO YOU, I SAY TO EVERYONE: 'WATCH!' "**

(4) JESUS ANSWERS THE PHARISEES, WHEN WILL THE KINGDOM OF GOD COME!

IV. ²⁰ONCE, HAVING BEEN ASKED BY THE PHARISEES WHEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD WOULD COME, JESUS REPLIED, **"THE KINGDOM OF GOD DOES NOT COME WITH YOUR CAREFUL**

OBSERVATION, ²¹NOR WILL PEOPLE SAY, 'HERE IT IS,' OR 'THERE IT IS,' BECAUSE THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU."

(1) WHAT DID THE PHARISEES WANT TO KNOW?

(2) WHEN IS THE KINGDOM PROMISED OF GOD GOING TO COME.

V. AGAIN, AGAIN YOU MUST LOOK AT WHO JESUS IS SPEAKING TO, TO APPRECIATE THE ANSWER.

(1) HE WAS SPEAKING TO THOSE WHO DID NOT EXCEPT HIM.

VI. WHAT WAS THE ANSWER?

VII. WAS THE ANSWER WRONG?

VIII. WHAT GROUPS TODAY WOULD GIVE PART OF THIS ANSWER TO THE QUESTION ASKED?

IX. IF YOU LOOK CLOSE AT THEIR DOCTRINE, WHO DO THEY SAY JESUS IS?

(1) THE SPIRIT OF GOD SHOULD SHINE BRIGHT IN YOUR MIND WITH THIS KNOWLEDGE.

(A) THIS IS THE FIRST RESEURECTION THAT JESUS IS SPEAKING OF, BEING BORN AGAIN.

B. JESUS TELLS THE DISCIPLES THINGS ABOUT THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

I. ²²⁻²⁵THEN HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "THE TIME IS COMING WHEN YOU WILL LONG TO SEE ONE OF THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN, BUT YOU WILL NOT SEE IT. ²³MEN WILL TELL YOU, 'THERE HE IS!' OR 'HERE HE IS!' DO NOT GO RUNNING OFF AFTER THEM. ²⁴FOR THE SON OF MAN IN HIS DAY WILL BE LIKE THE LIGHTNING, WHICH FLASHES AND LIGHTS UP THE SKY FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER. ²⁵BUT FIRST HE MUST SUFFER MANY THINGS AND BE REJECTED BY THIS GENERATION.

II. THE QUESTION IS ASKED? WHEN WILL THE KINGDOM OF GOD COME?

III. NOW THE QUESTION WILL BE PARTIALLY ANSWERED! HE IS SPEAKING TO YOU AND ME.

(1) THE TIME IS COMING WHEN YOU WILL LONG TO SEE ONE OF THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN, BUT YOU WILL NOT SEE IT.

(A) A TIME WILL COME WHEN THE CHURCH CRIES OUT FOR THE COMING OF GOD. BUT THAT DAY IS NOT YET HERE.

(2) ²³MEN WILL TELL YOU, 'THERE HE IS!' OR 'HERE HE IS!' DO NOT GO RUNNING OFF AFTER THEM.

(A) THE DAY IS HERE. MANY IN MY LIFE TIME HAVE CLAIMED TO BE THE MESSIAH.

(I) JESUS SAYS DO NOT GO RUNNING OFF AFTER THEM.

(3) JESUS SAYS DO NOT GO RUNNING AFTER THEM BECAUSE THIS IS THE WAY I AM GOING TO COME!

(A) ²⁴FOR THE SON OF MAN IN HIS DAY WILL BE LIKE THE LIGHTNING, WHICH FLASHES AND LIGHTS UP THE SKY FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER

IV. NOW NOW THERE IS SOMETHING THAT YOU MUST KNOW, YOU MUST REMEMBER

WHAT I HAVE TO SAY NOW.

(A) ²⁵**BUT FIRST HE MUST SUFFER MANY THINGS AND BE REJECTED BY THIS GENERATION.**

C. JESUS SAYS THAT HIS COMING WILL BRING DESTRUCTION!

I. ²⁶⁻³⁰**"JUST AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH, SO ALSO WILL IT BE IN THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN.** ²⁷PEOPLE WERE EATING, DRINKING, MARRYING AND BEING GIVEN IN MARRIAGE UP TO THE DAY NOAH ENTERED THE ARK. THEN THE FLOOD CAME AND DESTROYED THEM ALL. ²⁸**"IT WAS THE SAME IN THE DAYS OF LOT. PEOPLE WERE EATING AND DRINKING, BUYING AND SELLING, PLANTING AND BUILDING.** ²⁹**BUT THE DAY LOT LEFT SODOM, FIRE AND SULFUR RAINED DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND DESTROYED THEM ALL.** ³⁰**"IT WILL BE JUST LIKE THIS ON THE DAY THE SON OF MAN IS REVEALED.**

II. AGAIN, WHO IS JESUS SPEAKING TO?

III. HE IS NOW GOING TO TELL THEM MORE ABOUT THE DAY THE SON OF MAN IS REVEALED.

(1) FIRST, WHO IS HE REVEALED TO?

(A) WHO IS HE SPEAKING TO?

IV. WHAT WILL BE THE RESULT OF HIS COMING ON THOSE LEFT BEHIND?

(1) FLOOD CAME AND DESTROYED THEM

(2) FIRE AND SULFUR RAINED DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND DESTROYED THEM

D. WARNING OF HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE!

I. ³¹⁻³³ON THAT DAY NO ONE WHO IS ON THE ROOF OF HIS HOUSE, WITH HIS GOODS INSIDE, SHOULD GO DOWN TO GET THEM. LIKEWISE, NO ONE IN THE FIELD SHOULD GO BACK FOR ANYTHING. ³²REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE! ³³WHOEVER TRIES TO KEEP HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, AND WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE WILL PRESERVE IT

II. AGAIN WHO IS JESUS SPEAKING TO?

(1) HE IS WANTING US TO KNOW SOMETHING.

(2) HOW SHOULD WE BE LIVING OUR LIVES?

(A) NOT HANGING ON TO ANYTHING.

(B) BEING READY TO GO.

(C) LET NOTHING HOLD YOU BACK.

(I) ³³WHOEVER TRIES TO KEEP HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, AND WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE WILL PRESERVE IT

III. ANOTHER LOOK AT THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

IV. ³⁴I TELL YOU, ON THAT NIGHT TWO PEOPLE WILL BE IN ONE BED; ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND THE OTHER LEFT. ³⁵TWO WOMEN WILL BE GRINDING GRAIN TOGETHER; ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND THE OTHER LEFT." ³⁶"TWO MEN WILL BE IN THE FIELD, ONE WILL BE TAKEN THE OTHER LEFT" ³⁷"WHERE, LORD?" THEY ASKED. HE REPLIED, "**WHERE**

THERE IS A DEAD BODY, THERE THE VULTURES WILL GATHER."

V. JESUS FIRST TELLS THEM WHY THIS IS TAKING PLACE!

(1) TWO = WITNESS - MAN IS TO KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS COME.

(2) ONE = ACT OF GOD.

VI. NOW THE QUESTION?

(1) WHERE WILL ALL THIS TAKE PLACE.

(A) WILL IT BE IN MY COMMUNITY?.

(B) MY COUNTRY?

(C) WHERE?

(i) THE ANSWER!

1) WHERE THERE IS A DEAD BODY,

E. **LUKE 21:36 BE ALWAYS ON THE WATCH, AND PRAY THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO ESCAPE ALL THAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN, AND THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN."**

(1) THE 144,000 JEWS

(A) **REVELATIONS 12:1-5** A GREAT AND WONDROUS SIGN APPEARED IN HEAVEN:

A WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN, WITH THE MOON UNDER HER FEET AND A CROWN OF TWELVE STARS ON HER HEAD. ²SHE WAS PREGNANT AND CRIED OUT IN PAIN AS SHE WAS ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH. ³THEN ANOTHER SIGN APPEARED IN HEAVEN: AN ENORMOUS RED DRAGON WITH SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS AND SEVEN CROWNS ON HIS HEADS. ⁴HIS TAIL SWEEPED A THIRD OF THE STARS OUT OF THE SKY AND FLUNG THEM TO THE EARTH. THE DRAGON STOOD IN FRONT OF THE WOMAN WHO WAS ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH, SO THAT HE MIGHT DEVOUR HER CHILD THE MOMENT IT WAS BORN. ⁵SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A SON, A MALE CHILD, WHO WILL RULE ALL THE NATIONS WITH AN IRON SCEPTER. AND **HER CHILD WAS SNATCHED UP TO GOD AND TO HIS THRONE.**

(i) **REV. 14:1-5** THEN I LOOKED, AND THERE BEFORE ME WAS THE LAMB, STANDING ON MOUNT ZION, AND WITH HIM **144,000 WHO HAD HIS NAME AND HIS FATHER'S NAME WRITTEN ON THEIR FOREHEADS.** ²AND I HEARD A SOUND FROM HEAVEN LIKE THE ROAR OF RUSHING WATERS AND LIKE A LOUD PEAL OF THUNDER. THE SOUND I HEARD WAS LIKE THAT OF HARPISTS PLAYING THEIR HARPS. ³AND THEY SANG A NEW SONG BEFORE THE THRONE AND BEFORE THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES AND THE ELDERS. NO ONE COULD LEARN THE SONG EXCEPT THE 144,000 WHO HAD BEEN REDEEMED FROM THE EARTH. ⁴THESE ARE THOSE WHO DID NOT DEFILE THEMSELVES WITH WOMEN, FOR THEY KEPT THEMSELVES PURE. THEY FOLLOW THE LAMB WHEREVER HE GOES. THEY WERE PURCHASED FROM AMONG MEN AND OFFERED AS FIRSTFRUITS TO GOD AND THE LAMB. ⁵NO LIE WAS FOUND

IN THEIR MOUTHS; THEY ARE BLAMELESS.

(2) THE TWO WITNESS

(A) **REVELATIONS 11:2-13** BUT EXCLUDE THE OUTER COURT; DO NOT MEASURE IT, BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE GENTILES. THEY WILL TRAMPLE ON THE HOLY CITY FOR 42 MONTHS. ³AND I WILL **GIVE POWER TO MY TWO WITNESSES**, AND THEY WILL PROPHECY FOR 1,260 DAYS, CLOTHED IN SACKCLOTH." ⁴THESE ARE THE TWO OLIVE TREES AND THE TWO LAMPSTANDS THAT STAND BEFORE THE LORD OF THE EARTH. ⁵IF ANYONE TRIES TO HARM THEM, FIRE COMES FROM THEIR MOUTHS AND DEVOURS THEIR ENEMIES. THIS IS HOW ANYONE WHO WANTS TO HARM THEM MUST DIE. ⁶THESE MEN HAVE POWER TO SHUT UP THE SKY SO THAT IT WILL NOT RAIN DURING THE TIME THEY ARE PROPHECYING; AND THEY HAVE POWER TO TURN THE WATERS INTO BLOOD AND TO STRIKE THE EARTH WITH EVERY KIND OF PLAGUE AS OFTEN AS THEY WANT. ⁷NOW WHEN THEY HAVE FINISHED THEIR TESTIMONY, **THE BEAST THAT COMES UP FROM THE ABYSS WILL ATTACK THEM, AND OVERPOWER AND KILL THEM.** ⁸THEIR BODIES WILL LIE IN THE STREET OF THE GREAT CITY, WHICH IS FIGURATIVELY CALLED SODOM AND EGYPT, WHERE ALSO THEIR LORD WAS CRUCIFIED. ⁹FOR THREE AND A HALF DAYS MEN FROM EVERY PEOPLE, TRIBE, LANGUAGE AND NATION WILL GAZE ON THEIR BODIES AND REFUSE THEM BURIAL. ¹⁰THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH WILL GLOAT OVER THEM AND WILL CELEBRATE BY SENDING EACH OTHER GIFTS, BECAUSE THESE TWO PROPHETS HAD TORMENTED THOSE WHO LIVE ON THE EARTH. ¹¹**BUT AFTER THE THREE AND A HALF DAYS A BREATH OF LIFE FROM GOD ENTERED THEM**, AND THEY STOOD ON THEIR FEET, AND TERROR STRUCK THOSE WHO SAW THEM. ¹²THEN THEY HEARD A **LOUD VOICE FROM HEAVEN SAYING TO THEM, "COME UP HERE." AND THEY WENT UP TO HEAVEN IN A CLOUD**, WHILE THEIR ENEMIES LOOKED ON. ¹³AT THAT VERY HOUR THERE WAS A SEVERE EARTHQUAKE AND A TENTH OF THE CITY COLLAPSED. SEVEN THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN THE EARTHQUAKE, AND THE SURVIVORS WERE TERRIFIED AND GAVE GLORY TO THE GOD OF HEAVEN.

(3) THE TRIBULATION SAINTS

(A) **REVELATIONS 6:9-11** WHEN HE OPENED THE FIFTH SEAL, I SAW **UNDER THE ALTAR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAD BEEN SLAIN BECAUSE OF THE WORD OF GOD AND THE TESTIMONY THEY HAD MAINTAINED.** ¹⁰THEY CALLED OUT IN A LOUD VOICE, "HOW LONG, SOVEREIGN LORD, HOLY AND TRUE, UNTIL YOU JUDGE THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH AND AVENGE OUR BLOOD?" ¹¹THEN EACH OF THEM WAS GIVEN A WHITE ROBE, AND THEY WERE TOLD TO **WAIT A LITTLE LONGER, UNTIL THE NUMBER OF THEIR FELLOW SERVANTS AND**

BROTHERS WHO WERE TO BE KILLED AS THEY HAD BEEN WAS COMPLETED.

(B) **REVELATIONS 15:2-4** AND I SAW WHAT LOOKED LIKE A SEA OF GLASS MIXED WITH FIRE AND, STANDING BESIDE THE SEA, **THOSE WHO HAD BEEN VICTORIOUS OVER THE BEAST AND HIS IMAGE AND OVER THE NUMBER OF HIS NAME.** THEY HELD HARPS GIVEN THEM BY GOD ³AND SANG THE SONG OF MOSES THE SERVANT OF GOD AND THE SONG OF THE LAMB: "GREAT AND MARVELOUS ARE YOUR DEEDS, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY. JUST AND TRUE ARE YOUR WAYS, KING OF THE AGES. ⁴WHO WILL NOT FEAR YOU, O LORD, AND BRING GLORY TO YOUR NAME? FOR YOU ALONE ARE HOLY. ALL NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."

(C) **REVELATIONS 20:4-5** I SAW THRONES ON WHICH WERE SEATED THOSE WHO HAD BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY TO JUDGE. AND I SAW THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAD BEEN BEHEADED BECAUSE OF THEIR TESTIMONY FOR JESUS AND BECAUSE OF THE WORD OF GOD. THEY HAD NOT WORSHIPED THE BEAST OR HIS IMAGE AND HAD NOT RECEIVED HIS MARK ON THEIR FOREHEADS OR THEIR HANDS. THEY CAME TO LIFE AND REIGNED WITH CHRIST A THOUSAND YEARS. ⁵(THE REST OF THE DEAD DID NOT COME TO LIFE UNTIL THE THOUSAND YEARS WERE ENDED.) **THIS IS THE FIRST RESURRECTION.**

(4) THE WICKED DEAD

(A) **REVELATIONS 20:4-15** ⁶**BLESSED AND HOLY ARE THOSE WHO HAVE PART IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION.** THE SECOND DEATH HAS NO POWER OVER THEM, BUT THEY WILL BE PRIESTS OF GOD AND OF CHRIST AND WILL REIGN WITH HIM FOR A THOUSAND YEARS. ⁷WHEN THE THOUSAND YEARS ARE OVER, SATAN WILL BE RELEASED FROM HIS PRISON ⁸AND WILL GO OUT TO DECEIVE THE NATIONS IN THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH--GOG AND MAGOG--TO GATHER THEM FOR BATTLE. IN NUMBER THEY ARE LIKE THE SAND ON THE SEASHORE. ⁹THEY MARCHED ACROSS THE BREADTH OF THE EARTH AND SURROUNDED THE CAMP OF GOD'S PEOPLE, THE CITY HE LOVES. BUT FIRE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND DEVoured THEM. ¹⁰AND THE DEVIL, WHO DECEIVED THEM, WAS THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF BURNING SULFUR, WHERE THE BEAST AND THE FALSE PROPHET HAD BEEN THROWN. THEY WILL BE TORMENTED DAY AND NIGHT FOR EVER AND EVER. ¹¹**THEN I SAW A GREAT WHITE THRONE AND HIM WHO WAS SEATED ON IT. EARTH AND SKY FLED FROM HIS PRESENCE, AND THERE WAS NO PLACE FOR THEM.** ¹²**AND I SAW THE DEAD, GREAT AND SMALL, STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE, AND BOOKS WERE OPENED. ANOTHER BOOK WAS OPENED, WHICH IS THE BOOK OF LIFE. THE DEAD WERE JUDGED ACCORDING TO WHAT THEY HAD DONE AS**

RECORDED IN THE BOOKS. ¹³THE SEA GAVE UP THE DEAD THAT WERE IN IT, AND DEATH AND HADES GAVE UP THE DEAD THAT WERE IN THEM, AND EACH PERSON WAS JUDGED ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAD DONE. ¹⁴THEN DEATH AND HADES WERE THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE. THE LAKE OF FIRE IS THE SECOND DEATH. ¹⁵IF ANYONE'S NAME WAS NOT FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE, HE WAS THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE.

I. THERE IS NO PROPHECY THAT MUST BE FULFILLED AND NO SIGN MUST YET TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE RAPTURE

(1) **PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21** BUT OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN. AND WE EAGERLY AWAIT A SAVIOR FROM THERE, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, ²¹WHO, BY THE POWER THAT ENABLES HIM TO BRING EVERYTHING UNDER HIS CONTROL, WILL TRANSFORM OUR LOWLY BODIES SO THAT THEY WILL BE LIKE HIS GLORIOUS BODY.

(2) **TITUS 2:11-13** FOR THE GRACE OF GOD THAT BRINGS SALVATION HAS APPEARED TO ALL MEN. ¹²IT TEACHES US TO SAY "NO" TO UNGODLINESS AND WORLDLY PASSIONS, AND TO LIVE SELF-CONTROLLED, UPRIGHT AND GODLY LIVES IN THIS PRESENT AGE, ¹³WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE BLESSED HOPE--THE GLORIOUS APPEARING OF OUR GREAT GOD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST,

II. NOW NOW NOW TODAY THIS HOUR THIS MINUTE

(1) **1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-53** LISTEN, I TELL YOU A MYSTERY: WE WILL NOT ALL SLEEP, BUT WE WILL ALL BE CHANGED-- ⁵²IN A FLASH, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMPET. FOR THE TRUMPET WILL SOUND, THE DEAD WILL BE RAISED IMPERISHABLE, AND WE WILL BE CHANGED. ⁵³FOR THE PERISHABLE MUST CLOTHE ITSELF WITH THE IMPERISHABLE, AND THE MORTAL WITH IMMORTALITY.

DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY.

