

The Glory Of The Celestial

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voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead 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.”

The Day of the Lord vs. The Day of the Lord Jesus (Christ)

The Day of the Lord is NOT a mystery:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5, “But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, **Peace and safety**; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.”

Here is why the “Day of the Lord” is NOT a mystery:

Isaiah 2:12, “For **the day of the LORD** of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:”

Isaiah 13:6, “Howl ye; for **the day of the LORD** is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.”

Isaiah 13:9, “Behold, **the day of the LORD** cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.”

Jeremiah 46:10, “For this is **the day of the Lord GOD** of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.”

Ezekiel 13:5, “Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in **the day of the LORD**.”

Ezekiel 30:3, “For the day is near, even **the day of the LORD** is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.”

Joel 1:15, “Alas for the day! for **the day of the LORD** is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.”

Joel 2:1, “Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for **the day of the LORD** cometh, for it is nigh at hand;”

Joel 2:11, “And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for **the day of the LORD** is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?”

Joel 3:14, “Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for **the day of the LORD** is near in the valley of decision.”

Amos 5:18, “Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? **the day of the LORD** is darkness, and not light.”

Amos 5:20, “Shall not **the day of the LORD** be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?”

Obadiah 1:15, “For **the day of the LORD** is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.”

Zephaniah 1:7, “Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for **the day of the LORD** is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.”

Zephaniah 1:14, “The great **day of the LORD** is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of **the day of the LORD**: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.”

Zechariah 14:1, “Behold, **the day of the LORD** cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.”

The day of the Lord Jesus was a Mystery and people were Ignorant of it:

This is why they KNEW about “The Day of the Lord” But what about “The Day of the Lord Jesus? They were ignorant about this? Yes they were!

1 Corinthians 5:5, “To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in **the day of the Lord Jesus.**”

2 Corinthians 1:14, “As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in **the day of the Lord Jesus.**”

Notice the differences: The day

1 Thessalonians 5:2, “For yourselves **know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.**”

2 Peter 3:10, “But **the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;** in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”

So the “Day of the Lord Jesus” is the SAME as the “Day of Christ”

Philippians 1:10, “That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till **the day of Christ;**”

Philippians 2:16, “Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in **the day of Christ,** that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.”

2 Thessalonians 2:2, “That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that **the day of Christ is at hand.**”

But who knew about the day of Christ Jesus the Lord?

This day is commonly called the Rapture of the Church. It is the second part of the first resurrection.

Matthew 27:51-53, “And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And **the graves were opened**; and **many bodies of the saints which slept arose**, And **came out of the graves after his resurrection**, and **went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.**”

Matthew 28:1-6, “In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward **the first day of the week**, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, **there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven**, and **came and rolled back the stone from the door**, and **sat upon it**. **His countenance was like lightning**, and **his raiment white as snow**: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, **Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said**. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”

Acts 4:1-2, “And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, Being grieved **that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead**.”

Acts 4:10-12, “Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead**, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**”

Romans 1:3-4, “**Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord**, which was made of the seed of David **according to the flesh**; And **declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead**.”

John 11:21-26, “Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. **Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again**. Martha saith unto him, **I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day**. Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live**: And **whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die**. Believest thou this?”

There are two groups of believers at the second part of the first resurrection.

Acts 17:29-32, “Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the **Godhead** is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And **the times of this ignorance God winked at**; but **now commandeth all men every where to repent**: Because **he hath appointed a day**, in the which **he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained**; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that **he hath raised him from the dead**. And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.”

The third part is the tribulation saints:

Matthew 24:15, “When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, **stand in the holy place**, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)”

Matthew 24:21-22, “For **then shall be great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.”

Matthew 24:29-31, “**Immediately after the tribulation** of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And **then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven**: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and **they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory**. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall **gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**”

Matthew 24:38-42, “For **as in the days that were before the flood** they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, **until the day** that Noe entered into the ark, And **knew not until the flood came**, and **took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be**. Then shall two be in the field; the **one shall be taken**, and **the other left**. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the **one shall be taken**, and **the other left**. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.” Those that are taken are as those in the days of Noah that judgment fell upon and died. Those that were left were saved by the ark which is a type of Jesus Christ. In this third part of the resurrection it is the ones that are left that are saved. So, you have to endure to the end to be saved.

The First Resurrection has three parts:

1 Corinthians 15:22-24, “For **as in Adam all die**, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive**. But every man **in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end**, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.”

So the first resurrection is in three parts, and the second part has two groups:

1. Christ & Old Testament Saints: Matthew 28:1-6; Matthew 27:51-53; 1 Corinthians 15:22-24
2. The Church of the Born Again: 1 Corinthians 15:22-24; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
3. The Tribulation Saints: 1 Corinthians 15:22-24; Matthew 24:21, 31; 38-42; Revelation 11:11-12, Revelation 12:5.

Revelation 20:4-7, “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 worshipped 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 not again until the thousand 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. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,”

The Second Resurrection is in One Part and lines up with the Second Death:

Revelation 20:10-15, “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. **And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God**; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and **the dead** were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up **the dead** which were in it; and **death and hell** delivered up **the dead** which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**”

Conclusion:

So **the Day of the Lord** Starts with the Second Coming after the Tribulation with an overlapping of the second half of the Tribulation and ends with the New Heaven and New Earth wherein dwelleth Righteousness when the Kingdom will be delivered to the Father. (Isaiah 2:11-12, 17-18; Isaiah 13:6, 9, 13; Isaiah 34:8; Jeremiah 46:10; Lamentations 2:22; Ezekiel 7:19; Ezekiel 13:5; Ezekiel 30:3; Joel 1:15; Joel 2:1, 11, 31; Joel 3:14; Amos 5:18, 20; Obadiah 1:15; Zephaniah 1:7-8, 14, 18; Zephaniah 2:2-3; Zechariah 14:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10. [Psalms 110:5; Isaiah 11:11; Isaiah 24:21; Isaiah 28:5; Jeremiah 12:3; Zephaniah 3:8; Malachi 4:5-6; Matthew 24:50; Luke 12:46; 2 Thessalonians 2:3b-4, 8-12.]

The Day of Christ or Day of the Lord Jesus or the day of our Lord Jesus Christ Starts with the Resurrection from the dead (with an overlapping of the Old Testament from the birth of Christ to his resurrection the institution of the New Testament and ends with the Second Coming of the Lord with an overlapping of the first half of the Tribulation. (1 Corinthians 1:8; 1 Corinthians 5:5; 2 Corinthians 1:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 & 3a; 2 Timothy 4:8; Hebrews 9:11-26.)

Isaiah 30:25-26, “And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in **the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall** (This is just prior to the Tribulation). Moreover **the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days**, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.” (This is a Tribulation passage.)

Isaiah 61:2 has both times in it: “the day of vengeance of our God” and “the year of the LORD” The first one is the Second Coming and the second one was His First Coming.

Zephaniah 2:3, “Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.” This is Prophecy of the Church of the born again. We are hid in Christ: Colossians 3:3, “For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.” (See 1 Corinthians 2:7-16; Mark 4:11; Romans 16:25; Ephesians 1:9; Ephesians 3:3-7; Ephesians 5:32; Ephesians 6:19-20; Colossians 1:21-29; 1 Timothy 3:9.)

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Paul is likening **the resurrection from the dead** and **the body of the believer at this resurrection** to be **like** the **difference between the earth** (terrestrial body) and **the sun and stars** (celestial body). **Adam is of the earth earthy which is terrestrial** where we get the word terrain from and terraforming and tyrant. These are earthy words. **Whereas the celestial** is where we get constellation and ceiling and stellar and is likened to the glorified body of the Resurrected Jesus Christ; and the church of the born again believers at the resurrection from the dead at the rapture.

Notice that there is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body: 1 Corinthians 15:44. But these are not the same as the physical body and the soul, even though the soul is a spiritual body. One is a spiritual body while the other is a physical body that is spiritual. Here in the context this is talking about the natural body that encompasses the soul and the spirit and the spiritual body after the resurrection from the dead. See verses 42 & 43. The typology in the passage is likening the physical bodies of the earth with the ones in the sky. Thus the spiritual body is physically manifested in the resurrection (1 John 3:1-3).

In Conclusion:

The physical body is sown living seed and thus produces a living body. This body has a soul and spirit within that are also living (Romans 5:13; Romans 4:15). When the law enters into that soul, sin slays the spirit and that person dies (Ephesians 2:5) to God (Romans 7:9). The gospel is the seed of eternal life (John 6:63) that enters the soul though the flesh (planted in the dirt) and the soul receives Jesus Christ as his saviour (John 1:12-13) and God gives (Ephesians 2:8-9) him the new birth (John 3:7): quickened (Ephesians 2:1) the spirit (1 Corinthians 15:45) or made alive forever (John 11:26) in the forgiveness (Colossians 2:13) and forbearance (Romans 3:24-26) of God by Jesus Christ our Lord. Making us the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). By this new birth the soul is cut loose from the body of the sins of the flesh (Colossians 2:11-12) and is saved from any retribution from sin (see Romans 7). Yet the body is not altered yet. But because of this new birth and the saving of the soul; one day this all will take place again physically for our body, thus the redemption of the body (Romans 8:23). It will be raised up because it is now dead to God (Galatians 2:20) and we are alive in the spirit to God now (Ephesians 2:1). But then we will see him as he is and thus be like him (1 John 3:1-3). This is the change that happens in this passage in 1 Corinthians 15. You the soul were alive to your flesh before you were saved and dead to the spirit because of your sin; but after you are saved you are alive to your spirit and your flesh dies to you the soul. This is why it says in the resurrection from the dead you are raised in glory to put on physically everlasting life: Immortality. The robe of God's righteousness and the garments of salvation is the resurrection from the dead or the first resurrection. (Isaiah 61:10; Romans 4:11; Romans 4:22-25; Romans 4:6-8)

The End