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Foundational Principles of the Faith pt. 5

“Resurrection”

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Foundational Principles of the Faith

Part 5

Hebrews 6:1-2

1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, **2** Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

RESURRECTION

Resurrection: A rising from the dead; a return to life.

The doctrine of the resurrection is of vital importance to our faith in that if there is no resurrection, then Christ was not raised from the dead, which would mean that our faith is false and powerless, but thank God, Christ has risen from the dead, and, in like manner, we shall also be resurrected. Considering the importance of the matter, let us study the word of God as it concerns the resurrection of Christ, the resurrection of the saints and the resurrection of the condemned.

The Resurrection of Jesus

The resurrection of Jesus was prophesied in the Old Testament:

Psalm 16:9-10 NKJV

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will rest in hope.

10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

David, an ancestor of Jesus Christ, spoke under the influence of the Holy Spirit about the resurrection of the Holy One (Jesus – Acts 3:13-1) a thousand years before Jesus was born:

Acts 2:29-32

29 "Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30** Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn⁴

with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, **31** he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. **32** This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

- Scripture itself declares the resurrection of Jesus to be the fulfillment of the Psalm 16:9-10 prophecy
In the New Testament Jesus Himself prophesied that He would die and rise again from the dead:

Matthew 16:21 NKJV

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

Matthew 20:18-19 NKJV

¹⁸ "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, ¹⁹ and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again."

John 2:18-22 NKJV

¹⁸ So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**" ²⁰ Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But He was speaking of the temple of His body. ²² Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them;* and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

- The gospels bear record of Jesus' resurrection from the grave:

Matthew 28:1-7 NKJV

1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. **2** And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. **3** His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. **4** And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*. **5** But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. **7** And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

(see also Mark 16:1-7 / Luke 24:1-9)

- After Jesus was resurrected, His resurrection was central to the message taught to the disciples by Jesus and preached by the Apostles:

Luke 24:44-47 NKJV

⁴⁴ Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me." ⁴⁵ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise* from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 3:13-15 NKJV

13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. **14** But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, **15** and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

Acts 10:39-42 NKJV

39 And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. **40** Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, **41** not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, *even* to

us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. **42** And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead.

- The Apostle Paul emphasized the prime importance of Jesus' resurrection in regards to the Christian faith:

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 NKJV

12 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? **13** But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. **14** And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and

your faith *is* also empty. **15** Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up — if in fact the dead do not rise. **16** For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. **17** And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! **18** Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. **19** If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. **20** But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

There are two more resurrections that will take place in the future:

The Resurrection of the saints

The resurrection of the saints was prophesied in the Old Testament:

Daniel 12:2-3 NKJV

2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
Some to everlasting life,
Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

3 Those who are wise shall shine
Like the brightness of the firmament,
And those who turn many to righteousness
Like the stars forever and ever.

- The resurrection of the saints was prophesied by Jesus:

John 5:25-29 NKJV

25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. **26** For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, **27** and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. **28** Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice **29** and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

John 6:39-40 NKJV

39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. **40** And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 11:25 NKJV

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

- The Apostles taught the resurrection of the saints:

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 NKJV

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. **15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:41-44 NKJV

41 *There is* one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for *one* star differs from *another* star in glory. **42** So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. *The body* is sown in

corruption, it is raised in incorruption. **43** It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. **44** It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. (See also 1 Corinthians 15:50-55)

The Resurrection of the Condemned

The resurrection of the condemned was prophesied in the Old Testament:

Daniel 12:2-3 NKJV

2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament,¹⁷

And those who turn many to righteousness
Like the stars forever and ever.

The resurrection of the Condemned was prophesied in the New Testament:

Revelation 20:11-15 NKJV

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. **13** The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were

in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. **14**
Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second
death. **15** And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast
into the lake of fire.

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