

"Must I Believe in a Bodily Resurrection?"

1. TO BE a Christian I must believe in:
 - a. The V_____ birth of Jesus (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18, 25; Luke 1:27,32)
 - b. The D_____ of Jesus (Jn 1:1,14; John 10:30-31; Jn 8:58w/Ex3:14)
 - c. The S_____ Jesus (Heb 4:15; Jn 1:29)
 - d. The C_____ of Jesus (Math 27:33-56)
 - e. The R_____ of Jesus (Jn 20:26-29; Rm 1:3-4)
 - f. The S_____ only through Jesus (Acts 4:12; 1Pet3:18 Rm5:9; Eph1:7)

2. Define Resurrection:

3. What word/words may imply a resurrection? Mat 27:52-53; Mat 9:24; Jn 11:11-44; 1 Cor 11:30;15:51; Acts 7:59-60

4. What is common among these eight bible resurrections?
 - a. (1) Widow's son-1Kin17:17-24; (2) Shunammite's son-2Kin 4:32-37; (3) Unnamed man-2Kin13:20-21; (4) Jairus's daughter-Mat 9:23-25; (5) Widow's only son-Luk7:11-15; (6) Lazarus of Bethany-Jn11:43-44; (7) Many saints-Mat27:52-53; (8) Dorcas-Acts9:36-40

5. What is different from the question #4 resurrections verses questions #6 and #7 below?

6. Bible prophetic verses concerning the resurrection of Christ in the OT and NT: (1Cor 15:4)
 - a. Ps 16:10-11with Acts 13:34-35; Acts 2:27
 - b. Isa 53:12 with Mk 15:27-28; Lk 22:37

7. Bible verses concerning the resurrection of everyone:
 - a. Acts 24:14-15; Dan 12:2; John 5:28-29

8. Who were the most credible eyewitnesses and why?
 - a. Acts 10:40-41; Acts 1:8;1;21-22;2:32;3:14-15;13:30-31;22:15-16;26:16

9. Summarize gnostic beliefs in the first century (see attachment)?

- 10 List some gnostic "Bible" books found or generated during/after the first century?

- 11 Why the Resurrection of Christ Jesus:
 - a. Fulfill Scripture Lk 24:46
 - b. Forgive Sins 1 Cor 15:17
 - c. Justify the sinner Rm 4:25; 8:34
 - d. Give Hope 1 Cor 15:18,19
 - e. Makes Faith valid 1 Cor 15:14-17
 - f. Prove Sonship Ps 2:7; Rom 1:4
 - g. David's throne Acts 2:30-32
 - h. Judgement surety Acts 17:31
 - i. Makes Gospel valid Acts 26:23

12. Examination of serious resurrection questions in 1 Cor 15 below:

Christ's Resurrection is a FACT vss. 1-11

1Cor15:1 Now I make known to you, brothers *and sisters*, the **gospel** which I preached to you, which you also received, in which you also stand, **2**by which you also are saved, if you hold firmly to the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. **3**For I handed down to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the **Scriptures**, **4**and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the **Scriptures**, **5**and that He appeared to Cephas (Luk 24:34), then to the twelve (Lk24:51). **6**After that He appeared to more than five hundred brothers *and sisters* at one time (?), most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; **7**then He appeared to James (?), then to all the apostles(Lk24:51; Acts1:22); **8**and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also (Acts 22:14-15). **9**For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. **10**But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. **11**Whether then *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Christ's Resurrection & Resurrection of Just and the Unjust linked together vss.12-19

12Now if Christ is **preached**, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no (general,db) resurrection of the dead? **13**But if there is no (general,db) resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised; **14**and if Christ has not been raised, then our **preaching** is in vain, your faith also is in vain. **15**Moreover, we are even found to *be* false witnesses (apostles,db) of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact (all,db) the dead are not raised. **16**For if (all,db) the dead are not raised, then not even Christ has been raised; **17**and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are **still in your sins**. **18**Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. **19**If we have hoped in Christ only in this life, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Results if NO GENERAL Resurrection. But Jesus was RAISED! Vss. 20-34

20But the fact is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. 21For since by a man death *came*, by a man also *came* the resurrection of (all,db)the dead. 22For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

(Gods plan>orderly resurrection>) 23But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, 24then *comes* the end, when He hands over the kingdom to *our* God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. 25For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. 26The last enemy that will be abolished is death. 27For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is clear that this excludes the *Father* who put all things in subjection to Him. 28When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.

(Moral impact if no resurrection>) 29For otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them? 30Why are we also in danger every hour? 31I affirm, brothers *and sisters*, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, that I die daily. 32If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what good is it to me? If (all,db) the dead are not raised, LET'S EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE. 33Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals." 34Sober up morally and stop sinning, for some have no knowledge of God. I say *this* to your shame.

Objections to the Resurrection Answered: vss. 35-57

35But someone will say, "**How** are the dead raised? And with **What** kind of body do they come?"

(How>) 36You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; 37and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own.

(What>) 39All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one *flesh* of mankind, another flesh of animals, another flesh of birds, and another of fish. 40There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the *glory* of the earthly is another. 41There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. 42So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable *body*, it is raised an

imperishable *body*; **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. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*. **45**So also it is written: "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING PERSON." The last Adam was a life-giving spirit. **46**However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. **47**The first man is from the earth, **earthy**; the second man is from heaven. **48**As is the **earthy** one, so also are those who are **earthy**; and as is the heavenly one, so also are those who are heavenly. **49**Just as we have borne the image of the **earthy**, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

What about those who are LIVING? Vss. 50-57

50Now I say this, brothers *and sisters*, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. **51**Behold, I am telling you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, **52**in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. **53**For this perishable must put on [z]the imperishable, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. **54**But when (**the resurrection occurs**>) this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written: "DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP in **victory**. **55**WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR **VICTORY**? WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR STING?" **56**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law; **57**but thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58Therefore (**believing in the resurrection is Gods' plan**), my beloved brothers *and sisters*, be firm, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not *in vain* in the Lord.

"What is a Gnostic?"

The definition of the word *Gnostic* is derived from the Greek word *gnosis*, meaning "to know."

The Gnostics believed that they had received secret knowledge that common, ordinary people did not understand. Much of Gnostic belief represents a blend of Christian elements and Greek Gods, Hellenistic philosophy, popular in that day. They were surrounded by the Gods of idolatry and that influence of many gods was admired. Zeus, Helen, Apollo, Athena, Nike, Hera, Poseidon, 68 Gods.

The Gnostics all considered the God of the Old Testament to be an inferior God, the "Demiurge", made an evil creation – every thing material. Gnostics believe that the body, as with all physical matter, was inherently evil, as its creator was evil, the Demiurge. According to Gnostic beliefs, there is a Great God that is good and perfect. However, the creator of the universe, a lesser God or deity, the Demiurge, wanted to create a flawless material universe but failed. Instead of having a utopia, the lesser god ended up with a world infected with pain, misery, and intellectual and spiritual blindness; all matter is now corrupt and evil. However, when this lesser deity, the Demiurge or creator of the material worlds, created man, he accidentally injected humanity with a "spark" of the "true" Great God's spirit, making man an inherently good soul trapped in the confines of an evil, material body.

Gnostics believed that Christ was a God, the Logos, and was one of the superior gods and better than the Demiurge. Christ was, however, a ghost, a spirit. Gnostics therefore denied the physical death, believing that a "physical Jesus," not the "spiritual" Christ, died on the cross. Most Gnostics believe that whatever entered Jesus at his baptism left him before he died on the cross. Contrary to a message of salvation through Christ alone (Acts 4:12), the Gnostic Jesus brings a message of self-redemption. Man only needs to examine his inner "spark of Deity" to find the knowledge needed to free himself from his material body and reach Godhood.