

“Obey to Be Blessed at the Resurrection—Part 1”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a new series. The title was “Obey to Be Blessed at the Resurrection—Part 1.” This series is related to a presentation that I gave on Saturday, Oct. 18. In that presentation, I presented three reasons why we obey God.

Those three reasons were the following.

- To be Blessed Now
- To be Blessed at the Resurrection
- To Glorify and to Honor the Father and the Son

When I covered the concept of being blessed now, I gave two presentations. To cover the concept of being blessed at the resurrection, I expect to give three presentations. This presentation (Part 1) will discuss scriptures involving the words *resurrection* and being *raised*.

Foundational scripture

The foundational scripture for this three-part series is Luke 14:14.

- Luke 14:14—Believers are instructed to do the correct behavior, even when people cannot repay them—because they will be “repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

A few Old Testament verses

Although the majority of scriptures were from the New Testament, I mentioned a few Old Testament verses.

- Exodus 3:6—(Matthew 22:23-32)
- Job 19:25-27
- Isaiah 26:19
- Daniel 12:1-2

Christ's resurrection

The following 15 references used the word *resurrection* in reference to Christ's resurrection.

- Matthew 22:23-32
- Mark 12:18-27
- Luke 20:27-38
- Matthew 27:53
- John 11:24-25
- Acts 1:22
- Acts 2:31
- Acts 4:1-2
- Acts 4:33
- Acts 17:18, 32
- Acts 23:6-8
- Romans 1:4
- Romans 6:5
- 1 Peter 1:3
- 1 Peter 3:21

Christ being raised

The following 19 references used the word *raised* in reference to Christ's resurrection.

- Matthew 16:21
- Matthew 17:23
- John 2:19-22
- Acts 2:24
- Acts 2:30, 32
- Acts 3:15, 26
- Acts 4:10
- Acts 5:30

- Acts 10:40
- Acts 13:23-37
- Acts 17:31
- Romans 4:24-25
- Romans 6:4, 9
- Romans 7:4
- Galatians 1:1
- Ephesians 1:20-23
- 1 Thessalonians 1:10
- 2 Timothy 2:8
- 1 Peter 1:21

“Resurrection” referring to saints

The following two references refer to a future resurrection of saints.

- Acts 24:21
- 2 Timothy 2:18

“Raised” referring to saints

The following four references refer to a future raising of saints.

- John 6:39-40
- John 6:44, 54
- Acts 26:8
- 2 Corinthians 1:9

“Raised” mentioning both Christ and saints

- Romans 8:11—If the Spirit of the Father who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies.
- Romans 10:9—If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
- 1 Corinthians 6:14—God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.
- 2 Corinthians 4:14—He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Christ.

■ Ephesians 2:5-6—When we were dead in trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ and raised us up together—to sit together in the heavenly places.

1 Corinthians 15

■ 1 Corinthians 15:12—If people preach that Christ is raised from the dead, how can some say there is no resurrection?

■ 1 Corinthians 15:13—If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.

■ 1 Corinthians 15:14-15—If Christ is not risen, the preaching was empty and their faith was also empty.

■ 1 Corinthians 15:16—If the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.

■ 1 Corinthians 15:17-18—If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile (you are yet in your sins) and those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

■ 1 Corinthians 15:21—Death came by man and the resurrection of the dead came by the Son of God.

■ 1 Corinthians 15:35-58—How are the dead raised?

Blessed at future resurrection

■ John 5:28-29—Those who have done good will be part of the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil will be part of the resurrection of condemnation.

■ Acts 24:15—Paul had hope in God that there will be a resurrection of the dead—both of the just and the unjust.

■ Philippians 3:10-11—Paul knew Christ and the power of His resurrection—looking forward to attaining the resurrection from the dead.

■ Hebrews 11:35—Some women received their dead raised to life again, while others were tortured (looking forward to a better resurrection).

■ Revelation 20:5-6—Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection.