

The Apostle's Creed

Sunday School
November 12, 2023

Lesson Notes: WEEK 15

“From there he will come to judge the living and the dead” – Part One

Main source text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

1. **WHAT** is the resurrection of the dead?
 - The Greek word “*anastasis*” is used in our passage, meaning, “*to raise up.*” There is nothing *secret* about this event.
 - In our theology, we are discussing “*glorification*” = where with the RETURN of Christ, everything is restored and perfected on this planet, the “*new heavens and new earth.*”
2. **WHO** will be raised?
 - EVERYONE. Whether you're a believer or not. Some will go to everlasting damnation, others to everlasting peace. For the Christian, we are all living for the return of the king!
3. **WHEN** will we be raised?
 - When Jesus begins his return. There will be 3 distinct warning signs:
 - A cry of command, a voice of an archangel, and the sound of the trumpet of God. No one will be able to adequately say they “*missed out*” or “*didn't know*” Jesus' return was happening.
4. **HOW** will the dead be raised?
 - Only with the return of Christ & by his presence. There is no natural cause or rational explanation for this event.
5. **WHY** will the dead be raised?
 - Two reasons: so that *God may be glorified & God may have everlasting fellowship with his people.*
6. **HOW** do we know this will happen?
 - Verse 15: “*by a word from the Lord*” + our God never lies (Titus 1:2).
7. **WHAT** should we do in the meantime?
 - Verse 15: DECLARE
 - Verse 18: ENCOURAGE
 - Luke 12:35-37

Other Scripture to study: Job 19:25-27, Daniel 12:2, Matthew 24:44, 25:31-32; John 5:28-29, 1 Corinthians 15:40-53, 2 Corinthians 5:10, 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 2:5, 2:16, 3:11, 16:15, 22:7-20.