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of



Christ

Lesson 6:

The Doctrine of the Resurrection  
of the Dead



The first 4 principles of the Doctrine of Christ take us from receiving the gift of salvation to a fruitful Christian life.



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The last two address what happens  
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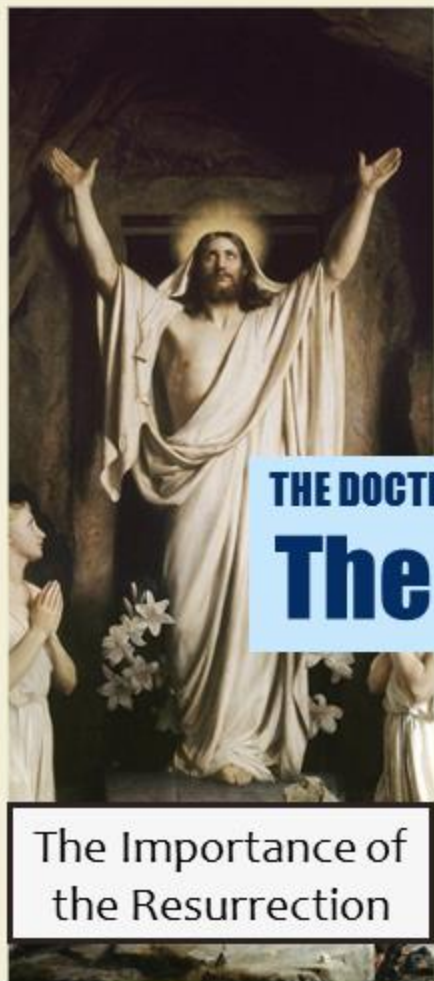
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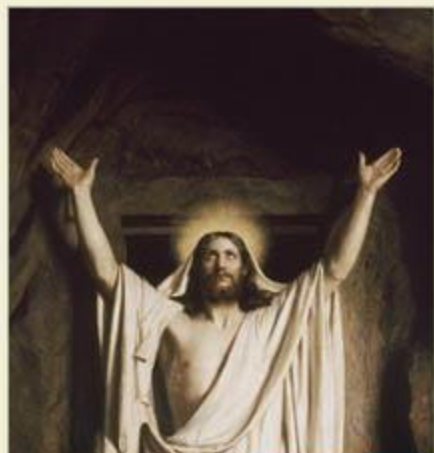
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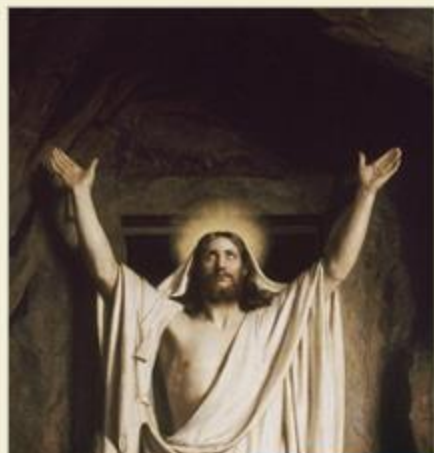
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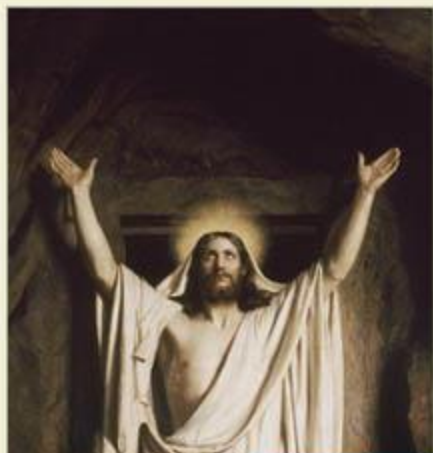
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If Jesus died on the cross only and did not get up from the dead, our faith in him as our Savior would be meaningless.

### **1 Corinthians 15:17-19**

<sup>17</sup> **And if Christ be not raised,**  
your faith is vain;  
ye are yet in your sins.

<sup>18</sup> Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are  
perished.

<sup>19</sup> If in this life only we have hope in Christ,  
we are of all men most miserable.







The Importance of  
the Resurrection

Even after all Jesus had said, not one person was waiting at his tomb to see him rise up from the dead. They all thought his death was the end of his story.

**Acts 13:30**

**But God raised him from the dead:**



The Importance of  
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His resurrection proved his power over sin and the fruit of sin, death.

**Romans 6:9**

- 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.



The Importance of  
the Resurrection

That is why belief in the resurrection is key to our salvation.

**Romans 10:9**

- 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,  
and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him  
from the dead,  
thou shalt be saved.



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Jesus is THE RESURRECTION and THE LIFE, and those who believe in him will live with him.

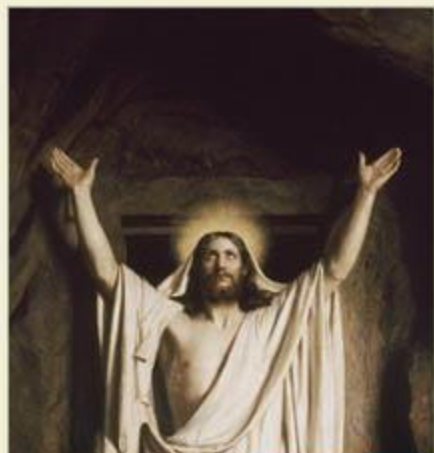
### John 11:25-26a

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said ...

I am the resurrection, and the life:

he that believeth in me,  
though he were dead,  
yet shall he live:

<sup>26</sup> And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.



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Starting with the birth of Eve's first child, there have been four stages of the human experience that are the same for all people, saved or unsaved:

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There is a time to be born.

Life passes from parents to child through the wonder of reproduction.

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But there is also a time to die.

We are mortal creatures, born in the image of Adam.

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Your time to die is not a matter of fate. Some people die before they should.

**Ecclesiastes 7:17**

<sup>17</sup> Be not over much wicked,  
neither be thou foolish:  
why shouldst thou die before thy time?

A Time to be Born,  
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And what did the serpent say to Eve to seduce her?



### Genesis 3:4

- 4 And the serpent said unto the woman,  
**Ye shall not surely die:**



Adam became “a living soul” when God “breathed into his nostrils the breath of life” (Gen. 2:7). Death occurs when the breath of life *leaves* the body.

**Psalm 104:29**

<sup>29</sup> Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled:  
thou takest away their breath,  
they die, and return to their dust.

A Time to be Born,  
and a Time to Die



On his deathbed, Joshua said he was “going the way of all the earth.”

**Joshua 23:14**

<sup>14</sup> And, behold, **this day I am going the way of all the earth:** and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

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At the moment of a man's passing, he falls into "the sleep of death."

**Psalm 13:3**

<sup>3</sup> Consider *and* hear me,  
O LORD my God:  
lighten mine eyes,  
*lest I sleep the sleep of death;*

A Time to be Born,  
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Jesus woke Lazarus from out of this kind of sleep:

**John 11:11-13**

- <sup>11</sup> [Jesus] saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth;  
**but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.**
- <sup>12</sup> Then said his disciples,  
Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.
- <sup>13</sup> **Howbeit Jesus spake of his death:**  
but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in  
sleep.





A Time to be Born,  
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The dead have no thoughts, feelings, or awareness of the passing of time.

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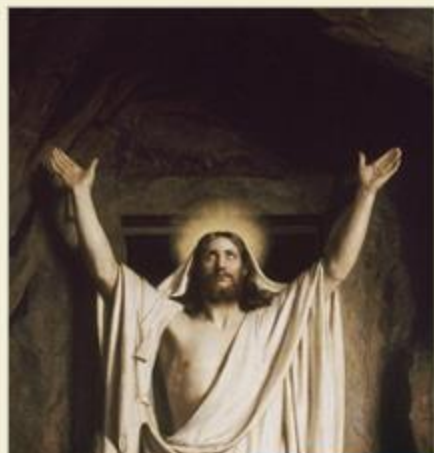


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What may seem to be evidence of the dead making contact with the living is either a holy vision, a devil, or fraud.

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The Bible speaks of two different kinds of graves.  
To understand this, you must separate **THREE** concepts:

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dead bodies called  
“the grave”.





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destruction called  
“hell fire”.



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This is the place where dust returns to dust.

**Genesis 3:19**

<sup>19</sup> In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread,  
till thou return unto the ground;  
for out of it wast thou taken:  
for dust thou art,  
and unto dust shalt thou return.

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“the grave”.



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translated grave (35 times) sepulchre (25) buryingplace (6)

## **2 Samuel 3:32**

<sup>32</sup> And they buried Abner in Hebron:  
and the king lifted up his voice,  
and wept at the grave [*qeber*] of Abner;  
and all the people wept.

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In NT Greek, it is the word *MNEMEION* –  
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**John 12:17**

<sup>17</sup> The people therefore that was with him  
when he called Lazarus out of his grave [*mnemeion*],  
and raised him from the dead,  
bare record.

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**Job 17:13**

<sup>13</sup> If I wait, the grave [*sheol*] is mine house:  
I have made my bed in the darkness.



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Although *sheol* is translated “hell”, we shall see this is NOT the place of eternal destruction called “hell fire”.

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This is where the righteous “rest in peace.”

### Isaiah 57:1-2

- <sup>1</sup> The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth *it* to heart: and merciful men *are* taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil *to come*.
- <sup>2</sup> He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, *each one* walking in his uprightness.

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In Greek mythology, *Hades* is the king of the underworld. But this is NOT Christian doctrine.

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David knew his soul would go to hell [*sheol*] to sleep until the resurrection, but God would not leave him here.

**Psalm 16:9-10**

- <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:  
my flesh also shall rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup> For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell [*sheol*]; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

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Peter quoted this psalm in his Pentecost sermon:

**Acts 2:27**

<sup>27</sup> Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell [*hades*], neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

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Jesus was not left in the grave, and neither are we.

**Acts 2:31**

<sup>31</sup> He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell [*hades*], neither his flesh did see corruption.






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Matthew 18:9

9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire [*geenna pur*].




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**Matthew 25:41**

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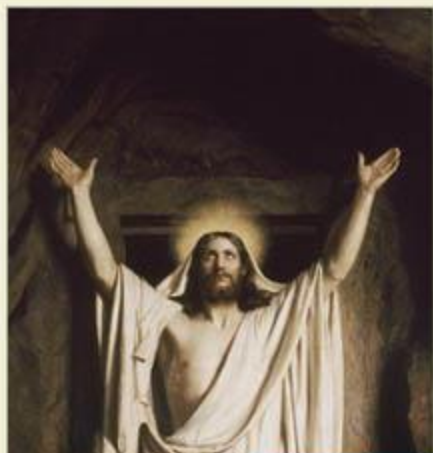
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It is almost unbelievable how well the devil has convinced people he will RULE in hell forever, tormenting the souls of the damned. Quite the opposite is true:



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A Time to Plant

A Time to Pluck Up  
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Finally, there is “a time to pluck up what was planted” in the grave. This is “the harvest of the earth” (Rev. 14:15); the time of resurrection.

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Jesus died for all mankind; therefore everyone – saved or unsaved – will be resurrected to stand before him.

**1 Corinthians 15:22**

<sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die,  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

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There are two kinds of resurrection:

**Acts 24:15b**

<sup>15</sup> ... there shall be a resurrection of the dead,  
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The **JUST** are those who have been “justified freely by his grace” (Rom 3:24).

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The **UNJUST** are those who “die in their sins” (Jn 8:24) without a savior.

**Acts 24:15b**

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Jesus called the two resurrections “the resurrection of life” and “the resurrection of damnation.”

**John 5:28-29**

<sup>28</sup> Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves [*mnemeion*] shall hear his voice,

<sup>29</sup> And shall come forth;

they that have done good,

unto **the resurrection of life;**

and they that have done evil,

unto **the resurrection of damnation.**



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“They that have done good” are those who believed in Jesus.  
“They that have done bad” are those who did not.

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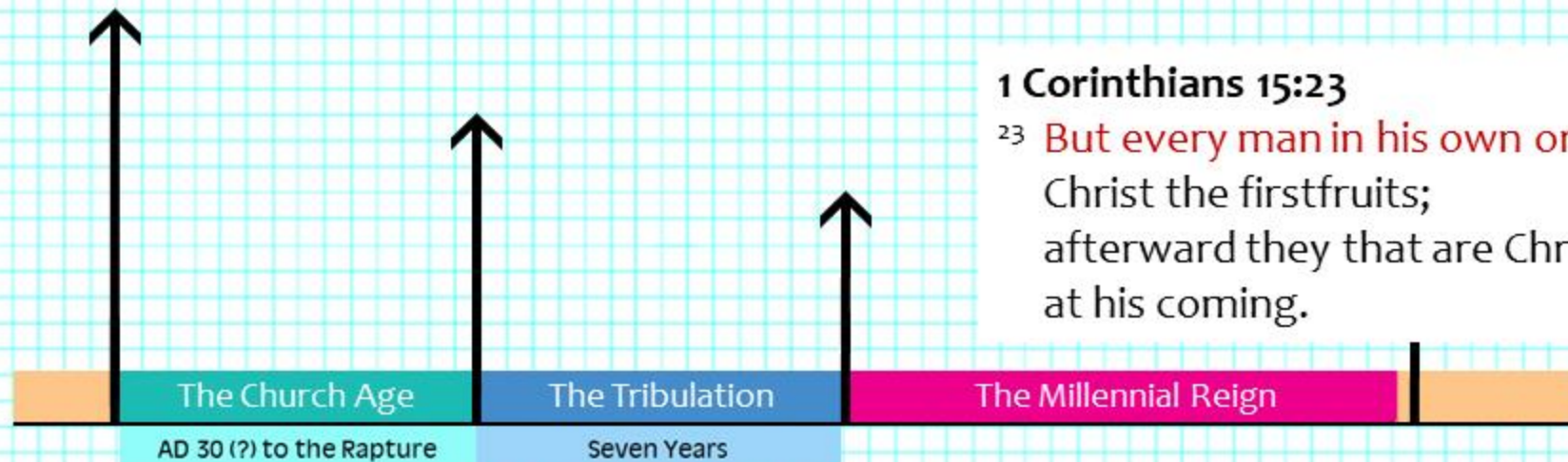
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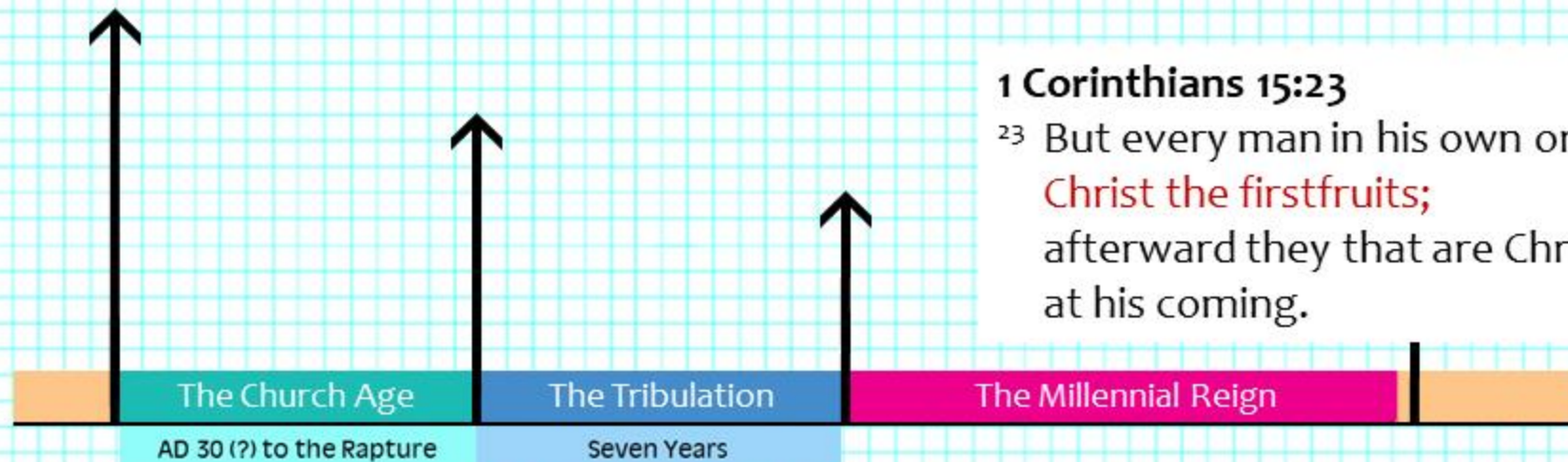
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<sup>23</sup> **But every man in his own order:**  
Christ the firstfruits;  
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It began with the resurrection of Christ...



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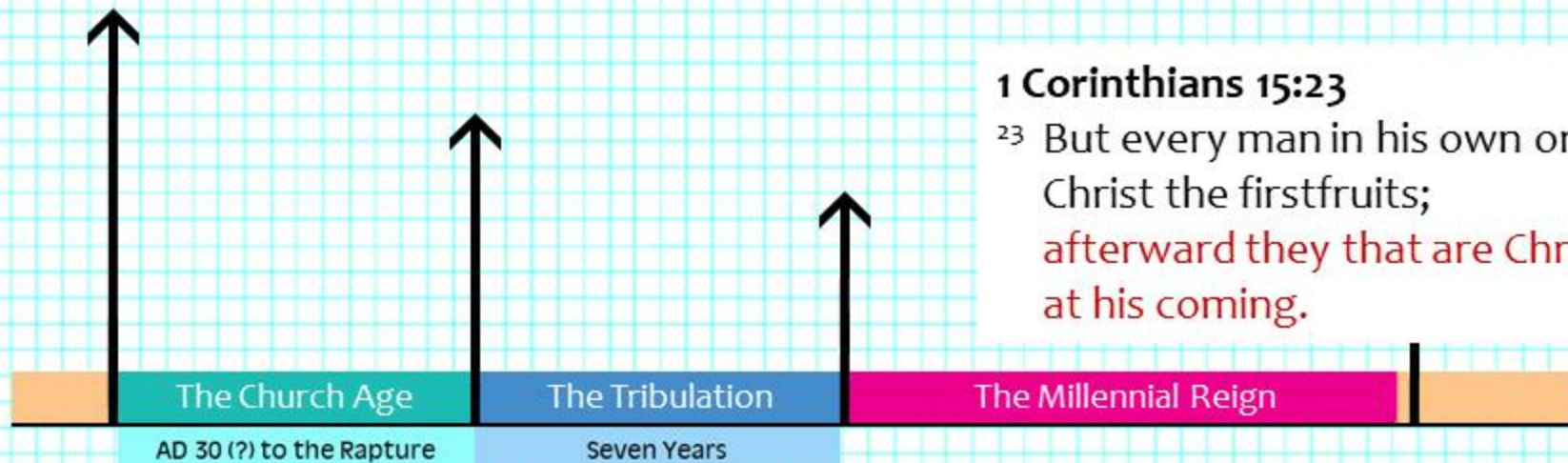
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... and it resumes with his second coming.

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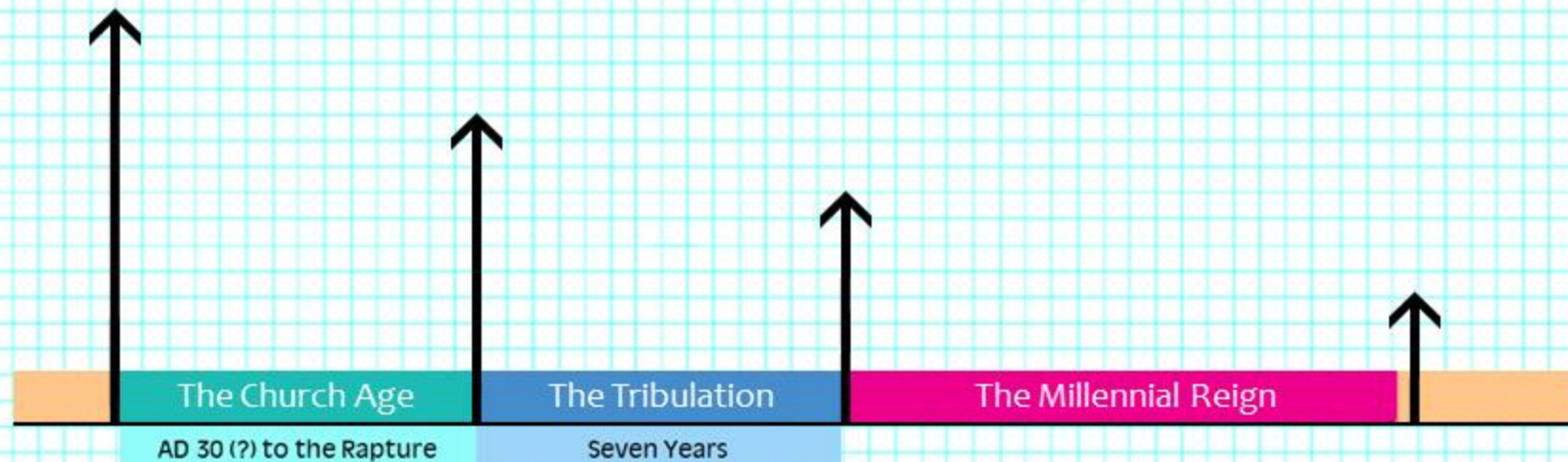


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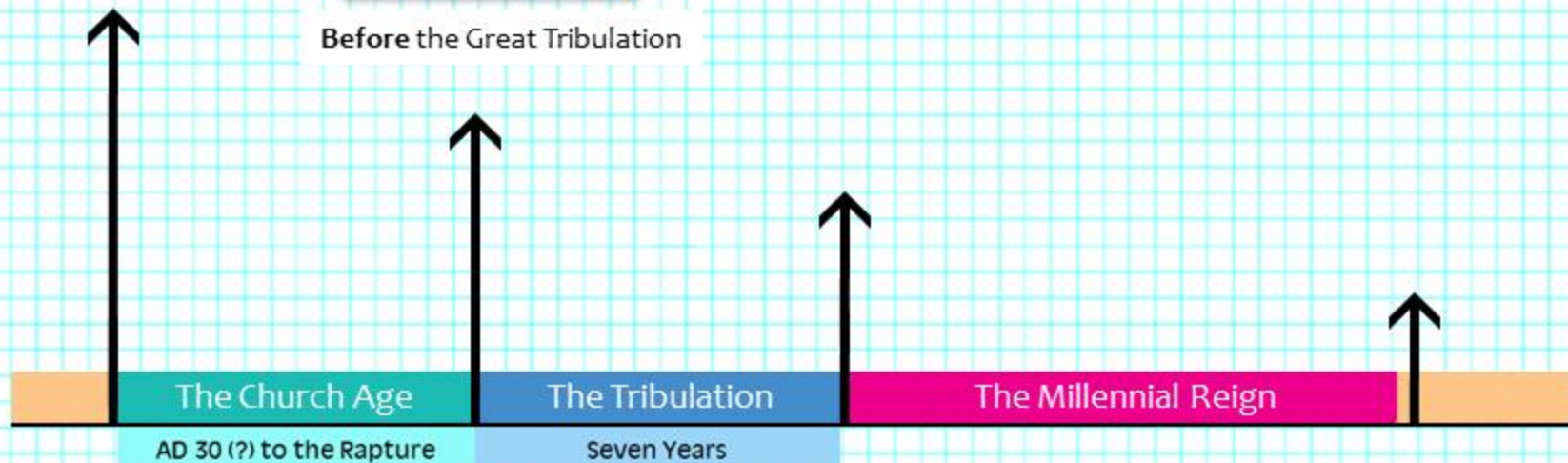
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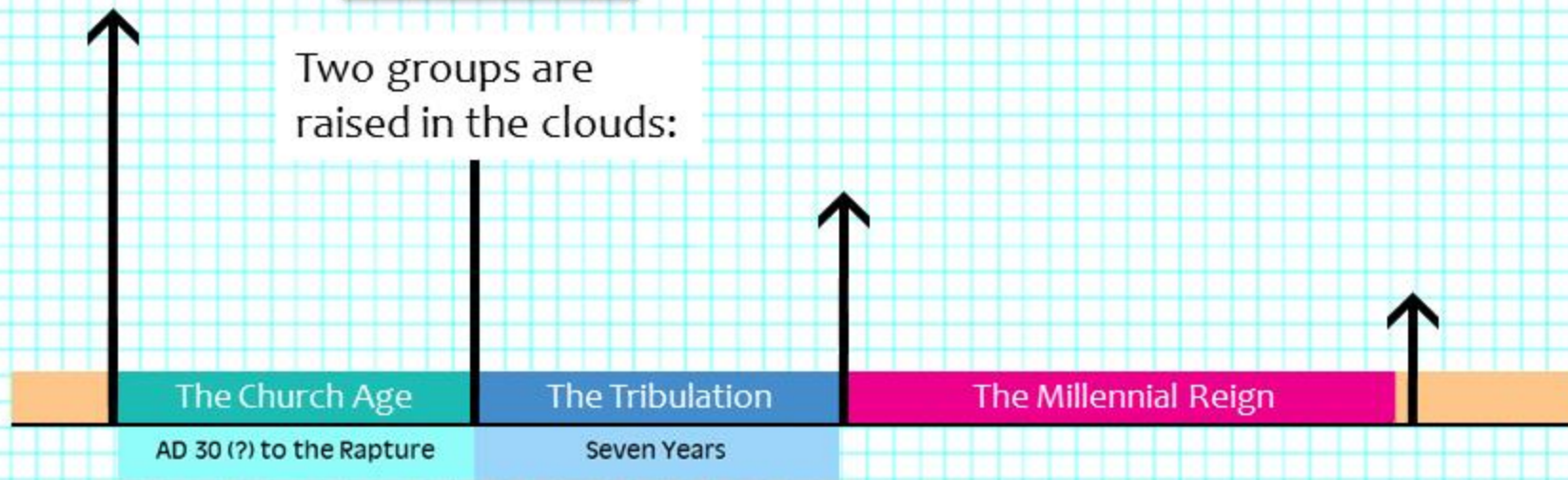
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2. The living Christians

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## 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

- <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: **and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**
- <sup>17</sup> **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.





A Time to Pluck Up  
that which is planted

The new man – that perfect version of you that was created when you were born again – is raised in a new body.

**1 Corinthians 15:42-44a**

<sup>42</sup> So also is the resurrection of the dead.

It is sown [*planted!*] in corruption;  
it is raised [*plucked up!*] in incorruption:

<sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonour;

it is raised in glory;  
it is sown in weakness;

it is raised in power:

<sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body;

it is raised a spiritual body...



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The dead in Christ put on incorruption,  
and the living Christians put on immortality.

**1 Corinthians 15:51-54**

- <sup>51</sup> Behold, I shew you a mystery;  
We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,  
<sup>52</sup> In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump:  
for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised  
incorruptible, and we [the living] shall be changed.  
<sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption,  
and this mortal *must* put on immortality.  
<sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption,  
and this mortal shall have put on immortality,  
then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written,  
Death is swallowed up in victory.

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*In the Clouds*

*To the Earth*

The Resurrection of the Just resumes after Christ ends the Great Tribulation, and before his 1,000 year reign.

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The Jews and Gentiles who came to Christ during the tribulation period will either be resurrected (if they died) or transformed (if they survived).

#### **Revelation 20:4b**

<sup>4</sup> ... 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.



The “dry bones” of God’s chosen people will be resurrected in fulfillment of the new covenant God promised Jeremiah and revealed to Ezekiel.

### **Ezekiel 37:11-12**

- <sup>11</sup> Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.
- <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, **I will open your graves,** and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.



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This completes the FIRST resurrection, and begins the 1,000 year reign of Christ.

### Revelation 20:6

<sup>6</sup> 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.



An angel of God will bind Satan in chains and cast him into the bottomless pit for the duration of Christ's millennial reign.



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This war ends when all the wicked are dead. Now they – along with everyone else who lived in defiance to God – will be raised from the dead to face the King of kings.

This is called **the Resurrection of the Unjust.**

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## THE HARVEST OF THE EARTH

There is a time to pluck up that which is planted, and so all people will be resurrected in “the harvest of the earth” (Rev. 14:15), either in the resurrection of the just or the unjust.





Jesus said, “Because I live, ye shall live also” (John 14:19). This is the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead.

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The righteous are resurrected to glory.  
But why are the wicked raised from the  
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<sup>17</sup> And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

<sup>18</sup> Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

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<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: **and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**

<sup>17</sup> **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.



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