

I Peter 1:3-5

*OUR INHERITANCE IS WAITING IN HEAVEN,
KEPT BY GOD THROUGH FAITH, UNTO A
LIVING HOPE FOR A FUTURE SALVATION*

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again *to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

- **BLESSED:** *eulogetos*
 1. to speak well of; to say well done; to sing one's praises
 2. Only God deserves and merits blessing; eulogetos is merit based
 3. Believers can be worthy of **eulogeo** (to RECEIVE blessing; praise well-words) that we do not merit [C. MCCALLEY] EPH. 1:3 uses both eulogetos(merit) & eulogeo(receive)
- **ACCORDING TO:** *kata*
 1. kata is a word that expects a NORM or a STANDARD to follow it, things flow DOWN from the norm/standard (master. Therefore: His norm or template for things to follow downstream, is His abundant mercy
 2. HE IS IMPELLED BY HIS ABUNDANT MERCY – compelled to provide atonement for sinners
- **CAUSED US TO BE BORN AGAIN:**
 1. anagennao: Born anew: regenerated from Old to New; Adam dies, Christ's new life from above is generated in us. He is impelled by abundant mercy to regenerate us.
 2. **'Ye must be born again'**: the prerequisite for obtaining the living hope and inheritance is being born again

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- UNTO A LIVING HOPE: *eis zaō elpis*
 1. Unto: **Eis** - toward – directional preposition, or “so that we have” a living hope. [ALFORD] BUT: it can be either be **unto** or **into**....
 - (b.) Merryman says: better **INTO** a Living Hope. So the idea is: God **PROJECTS** us into a living hope- projects us into a living confidence...
 2. Living : **Zaō** - actively alive, energized life, vigorous, fresh
 3. Hope: **elpis** - not as we think of ‘hope’ here in modernity; as longing for a positive outcome in future uncertainty. But this: we have guaranteed certainty of blessings and things in the future [C. McCALLEY]
 - a.) or, Hope = **an absolute certainty** of things to come [H. MOLLOY]
- THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD
 1. Through: **the means** of placing us into the living hope is the resurrection of L.J.C.
 - (a.) *God: not wanting us to merely have hope as the AIM, or having the aim of the high ideal of hope, but tied it/ attached it the actual, physical resurrection of Christ.*
 2. From the dead: loaded phrase, the idea is not “from the edge of” but “out from within”; Gr: **ek. Out of the dead ones.** The Lord went into the realm of the dead ones and came back and conquered death and it’s hold
 1. God sees TWO types of people in End Times: the Living and the Dead. **REV. 20:12** *And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the, according to their deeds.*

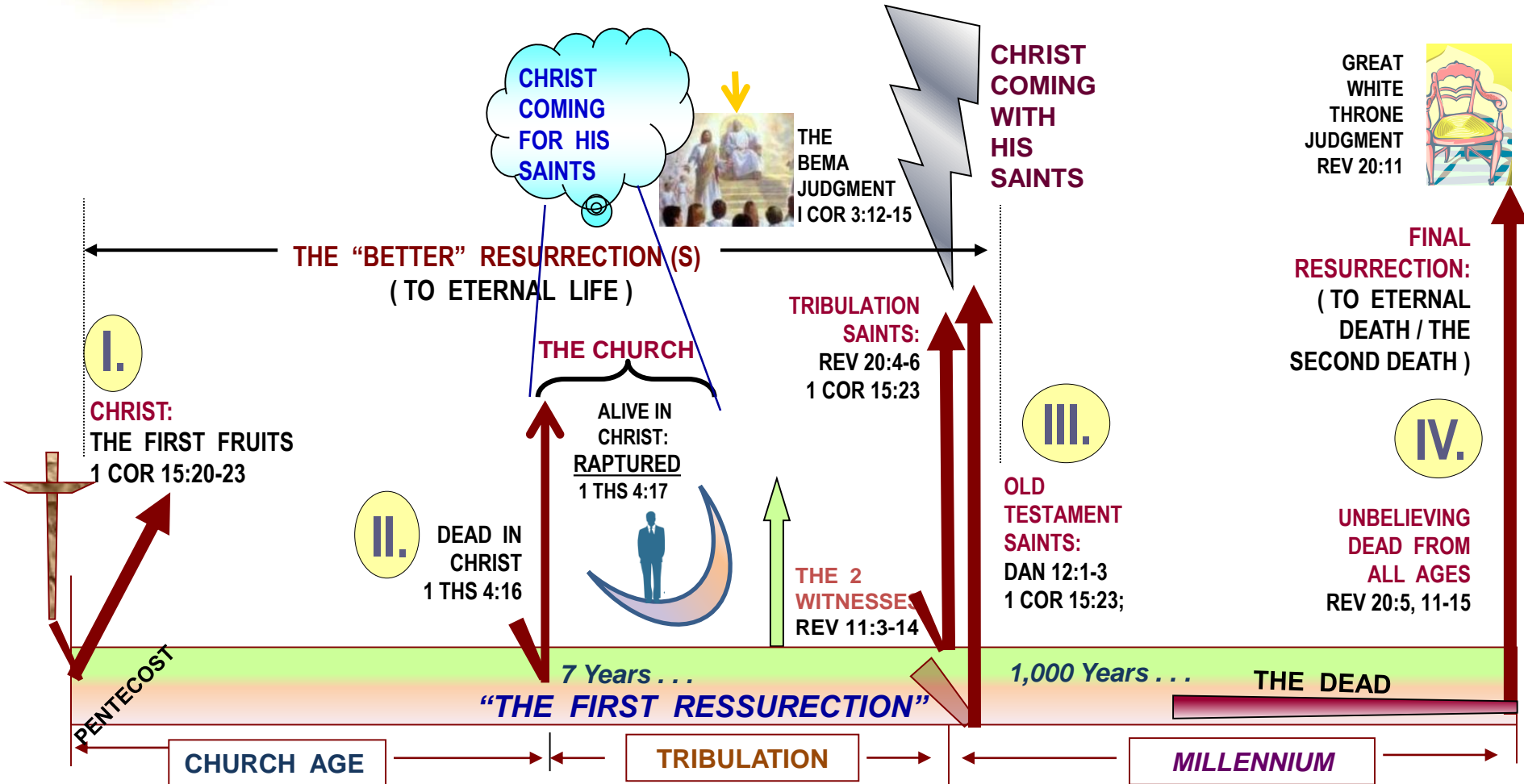
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THE RESURRECTIONS:

EACH IN THEIR OWN ORDER: I COR 15:23

WHAT ARE THE FUTURE RESURRECTIONS?





God the Son: His Resurrection

What are the reasons for the Resurrection?

**Christ arose
because of
who He is**

**Christ arose to
be the giver of
Resurrection
Life**

**Christ arose to
fulfill God's
Eternal Purpose**

**Christ arose that He
might become the
source of
Resurrection
Power**

**Christ arose to
be the First Fruit
of the
Resurrection**

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.... (to obtain) an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

- SOME THINGS ABOUT THE INHERITANCE
 1. Notice: the negative description of the inheritance
 2. Why is that?
 3. How does the inheritance come about to you?
 - (a.) Heb. 1:2, Rom 8:16-17, Eph. 1:5
 4. What is the Earnest of our inheritance?
 - (a.) Eph. 1:13-14
 5. When do we get the Inheritance?
 - (a.) Acts 26:18

- THE INHERITANCE DESCRIBED:
 1. It is **imperishable**:
 - (a.) no deterioration, no spoilage, II Law of Thermodynamics does not apply. . .
 2. It is **undefiled**:
 - (a.) No stain, no impurity, unsullied, as in linen-white robes in Heaven..
 3. It is **unfading**:
 - (a.) non-withering, lasting beauty, lasting glory (not like Moses down from the mount)
 4. Compare to: Mat. 6:20 & Luke 12:33!
 - (a.) **Note the parallels!**

- **FINALLY, WHAT IS THE INHERITANCE?**

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■ THE INHERITANCE IS RESERVED IN HEAVEN

1. Reserved - **tēreō**

- (a.) guarded; from loss or injury; kept aside; Useage: “but you have kept (*tēreō*) the good wine until now....” **JOHN 2:10**
- (b.) Your bank keeps / reserves your deposits (carefully)
- (c.) laid up and kept safely in heaven
- (d.) "has been laid up and is now kept guarded in safe deposit." perfect tense. **[WUEST]**
- (d.) One more take: guardianship of the integrity of a thing. (a mother guards the integrity and innocence of her child) **[MERRYMAN]**



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.... **who (us) are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

■ WE ARE PROTECTED BY THE POWER OF GOD

1. Protected is another greek word with the GUARDING idea in mind
2. Protected = **phroureō**
3. phroureō is a military term: to GARRISON
4. We (the inheritors) are guarded, by God's power
 - (a.) An interesting parallel use of garrison: *"And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* PHIL 4:7

■ NOTE: THE DOUBLE SECURITY FOR BOTH THE BELIEVER AND HIS/HER POSSESSION:

1. *While our inheritance is being kept guarded in heaven under the watchful eye of God, we are being garrisoned about by God's protecting care for it. The guard is never changed. It is on duty twenty-four hours a day, year in and year out until we arrive safe in heaven.*
[WUEST]
2. These 2 ideas: the inheritance being laid up and kept and guarded by God Himself and us being garrisoned behind God's unfailing fortress and personally guarded by Him is a wonderful illustration of the Eternal Security of the believer.
3. It is also a refutation of the Arminian argument of the eternal insecurity of the believer.

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■ IS THE PREPOSITION: 'THROUGH FAITH' *CONDITIONAL*?

1. A: **No**, it's by (*en*) God through (*dia*) faith
2. by = **en**: denotes instrumentality (fixed position)
 - (a.) **dia** = through; the channel by which the power flows. It's **Secondary agency**
Merryman says
 - (b.) Several usages of *dia*, or through are similar to this: ***"Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through(dia)the prophet:*** MAT. 1:22; and see 2:15, 17, 23
3. Conclusion: this further refutes the Arminian view of the faith being the conditional instrument of the security

■ SALVATION READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME

1. Is this Phase I, II or III Salvation? What are the 3 phases/tenses of salvation?
 - (a.) Salvation from the: I: Penalty of Sin, II. Power of Sin, III. Presence of Sin
2. It's Phase III Salvation, when does that occur?
 - (a.) In the "last time" and when do we know that to be?

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- MORE OF WHAT'S 'TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME':

1COR 15:50-57: NOTE THE PARALLELS TO: 1 PET 1:4'S: ***AN INHERITANCE WHICH IS IMPERISHABLE AND UNDEFILED AND WILL NOT FADE AWAY,***

Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable ***inherit the imperishable***.

Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

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.

For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

But when this perishable will have ***put on the imperishable***, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.

"O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;

but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **SO FINALLY, LET'S ANSWER WHAT THE INHERITANCE IS:**

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■ INHERITANCE, WHAT IS IT:

1. Our Glorification: us sharing in Christ's resurrected eternal state.
2. Christ in Us: the hope of glory. Col. 1:27
3. The surpassing riches of His grace in Christ: to be shown us in the ages yet future. Eph. 2:7
4. unfathomable riches in Christ: delivered and enjoyed. Eph 3:8
5. With Him in Glory: and actually seeing the glory, not by faith but by sight. John 17:24
6. Sharing in his eternal kingdom: II Pet. 1:11
7. His Life being our life in glory. Col 3:4
8. New Heaven and New Earth: is His and by heirship, ours. 2 Pet. 3:13
9. The New Jerusalem, whose builder & architect is God: Heb. 11:10; Rev. 21:10-26