

The Bishop's Corner

Two Resurrections

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father has live in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation” (John 5:24-29, NKJV).

There will be two resurrections, the first one is for the righteous and the second one is for the unrighteous. You must tell yourself, “I must be in the first resurrection.” Those in the first resurrection, which includes 5 Raptures, will reign with Christ 1,000 years. “Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall reign with Him a thousand years” (Revelation 20:6, NKJV).

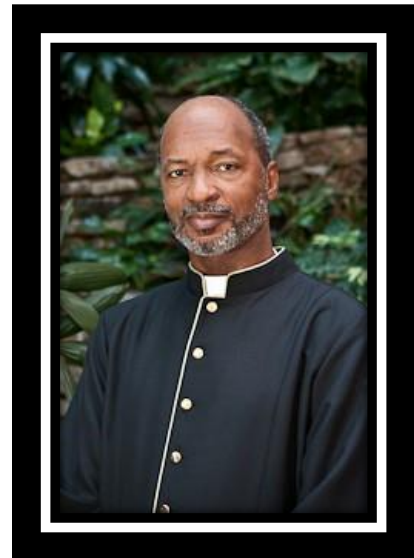
Jesus, who Himself had no sin, died for the sins of the world; and was raised from the dead after 3 days and 3 nights by the Power of God. When we believe on Jesus Christ and He comes into our life it should be a great celebration because there is nothing greater in a human's life than to be born again, except for the Rapture. Our life is supposed to reflect Christ because we have the Holy Spirit to help us.

The Holy Spirit needs to remind us daily of Jesus' resurrection and refresh us in the Lord so that we can continue to grow in the spirit. We must allow the Holy Spirit to have his way in our lives and not hinder him by giving him a small cramped space to operate in us. The Holy Spirit puts up with a lot of junk in us, so we should want every part of ourselves to be resurrected and made new by the Spirit. We should always want to keep growing in God by allowing the Holy Spirit to have full reign in us. Never tell the Holy Spirit that he is wrong because he is the Spirit of truth, and it is him that will change us to immortality.

“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall 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 incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality” (1 Corinthians 15:51-53, NKJV).

God bless you,

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