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CHRISTIANITY IN CULTURE

Joining God in the Renewal of All Things

A SEMINAR WITH ED STETZER

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Inauguration Day
The Beginning of the End in Christ's Resurrection

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"God Loveth 'Re-Words'"

SMITH AND STONESTREET,
RESTORING ALL THINGS, 17

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What Restoration is:

Conversion Redemption:
...if anyone is in Christ, a new creation...
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Cosmic Restoration:
“...if anyone is in Christ, a new creation...
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

1. How God Restores through Resurrection

a. One Resurrection, Two Phases

“The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years” (Revelation 20:5-6 CSB).

“For in this first resurrection none have a part save those who shall be eternally blessed; but in the second, of which He goes on to speak, all, as we shall learn, have a part, both the blessed and the wretched. The one is the resurrection of mercy, the other of judgment” (Augustine, City of God, 20.6).

b. The Old Testament Promises of Resurrection

He considered God to be able even to raise someone from the dead; therefore, he received him back, figuratively speaking. (Hebrews 11:19)

...you will not allow your faithful one to see decay.
(Psalm 16:10)

Many who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to eternal life, and some to disgrace and eternal contempt.
(Daniel 12:2)

c. The Jewish Beliefs of Resurrection

The Sadducees Rejected the Doctrine of Resurrection:

That same day some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came up to him and questioned him...
(Matthew 22:23)

The Pharisees Received the Doctrine of Resurrection:

When Paul realized that one part of them were Sadducees and the other part were Pharisees, he cried out in the Sanhedrin, 'Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am being judged because of the hope of the resurrection of the dead!' (Acts 23:6)

d. The Teaching of Jesus on Resurrection

Jesus Declared the Resurrection

Martha said to him, "I know that he [Lazarus] will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live." (John 11:24-25)

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Jesus Demonstrated the Resurrection

After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out bound hand and foot with linen strips and with his face wrapped in a cloth... (John 11:43-44)

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The First Phase of Resurrection:

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

a. Jesus Rose Divinely

“God raised Jesus from the dead”

(Acts 3:15, 4:10, 5:30, 10:40, 13:30, 37, Romans 8:11, 10:9, Galatians 1:1, Ephesians 1:20, and many more)

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b. Jesus Rose Physically

It was as he reclined at the table with them that he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
(Luke 24:30)

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Don’t be faithless, but believe.” (John 20:27)

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c. Jesus Rose Finally

...we know that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will not die again. Death no longer rules over him. (Romans 6:9)

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d. Jesus Rose Victoriously

He exercised this power in Christ by raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens—far above every ruler and authority, power and dominion, and every title given, not only in this age but also in the one to come. (Ephesians 1:20-21)

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...he humbled himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death—
even to death on a cross.
For this reason God highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name...
(Philippians 2:8-9)

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e. Jesus Rose Vicariously

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things
above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
(Colossians 3:1)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that
he had for us, made us alive with Christ even though we
were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! He also
raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens
in Christ Jesus... (Ephesians 2:4-6)

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f. Jesus Rose Eschatologically

But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

...the firstborn from the dead... (Colossians 1:18)

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The Second Phase of Resurrection:
Judgment and Restoration

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He will transform the body of our humble condition into the likeness of his glorious body, by the power that enables him to subject everything to himself. (Philippians 3:21)

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For we know that if our earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal dwelling in the heavens, not made with hands. Indeed, we groan in this tent, desiring to put on our heavenly dwelling, since, when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. Indeed, we groan while we are in this tent, burdened as we are, because we do not want to be unclothed but clothed, so that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as a down payment.” (2 Corinthians 5:1-5)

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Not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits—we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. (Romans 8:23)

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For this corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body must be clothed with immortality. When this corruptible body is clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body is clothed with immortality, then the saying that is written will take place:

Death has been swallowed up in victory.
Where, death, is your victory?
Where, death, is your sting?
(1 Corinthians 15:53–55)

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God Will Raise Those Outside of Christ to Eternal Judgment

Do not be amazed at this, because a time is coming when all who are in the graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked things, to the resurrection of condemnation.” (John 5:28–29)

“He, therefore, who would not be damned in the second resurrection, let him rise in the first.”
(Augustine, City of God, 20.6)

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God Will Create a New Heavens and a New Earth

“For I will create new heavens and a new earth; the past events will not be remembered or come to mind.”
(Isaiah 65:17)

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, in the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.” (Matthew 19:28)

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But based on his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. (2 Peter 3:13)

For the creation was subjected to futility—not willingly, but because of him who subjected it—in the hope that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage to decay into the glorious freedom of God’s children. (Romans 8:20–21)

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Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look, God’s dwelling is with humanity, and he will live with them.

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They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away. Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new." He also said, "Write, because these words are faithful and true." (Revelation 21:1-5)

Conclusion: *Resurrection Living*

Repent

Renew

Rejoice

