

**You Must be Born Again**  
**Rev. 20:4-10**

**I. They Came to Life” – 20:4**

1. Those who came with Christ – 4

The 24 elders - Rev. 4:10-11

Those who fall down before Him who is seated on the throne

Those who worship Him who lives forever

Those who cast their crowns before the throne, saying

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God

To receive glory and honor and power,

For You created all things,

And by Your will they existed and were created”

Those redeemed by Christ – Rev. 5:8-10

24 elders have a new song

“You are worthy to reign for You redeemed us by your blood”

“You have made us a kingdom & priests to our God”

“They shall reign on the earth”

2. The souls of those beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the Word of God - 4

Those who had not worshipped the beast or its image

Who had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands

3. They came to life – resurrection – 1 Cor. 15:42-57

Life as God created them – “In His own image” – Gen. 1:26-27

This image must be restored by “New Birth”

Spiritually – Believing, our spirit is regenerated

Physically – Body must be renewed

Sown is perishable – Raised is imperishable

Sown in dishonor – Raised in glory

Sown in weakness – Raised in power

Sown a natural body – Raised a spiritual body

Life as one with the Risen Christ – in His image – 1 John 3:2

4. They reigned with Christ for a thousand years – Rev. 20:4

**II. Their Life is Eternal – Rev. 20:5-6**

1. The rest of the dead (Unbelieving) – 5

They will be raised from the dead

But not until after the 1,000 years – 20:13

Others will be included in this second death

They are those who rebel against Christ as king

2. Blessed are those in first resurrection – 6

They are with Christ and no longer in danger of 2<sup>nd</sup> death

They are not in rebellion with Satan

They are reigning with Christ

They will not be judged for sin (no condemnation in Christ)

**III. Jesus and New Birth**

1. Nicodemus, a Rabbi – Jn. 3:9

New birth is essential to inherit eternal life – 3:3

“Unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God”

3. Woman at the well – Jn. 4:24

“God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit”

Spirit fellowships with spirit

4. Our dead spirit must be restored – Eph. 2:1-6

Our spirit was dead in trespasses & sins – 1

But God has made us alive with Christ – 6

5. Receiving Christ as our Savior makes us alive spiritually – Jn. 1:11-13

He came unto His own but they did not receive Him – 11

“But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name” - 12

“He gave the right to become children of God”

“Who were born, not of blood” (not of natural generation)

“Nor of the flesh” (something you can earn on your own)

“Nor of the will of man (something a human can do for you)

“But of God” (What God has done for you in Christ)

We are born with a new spirit into God’s family

God’s Spirit is given to minister to our spirit

This ministry is fruitful in our transformation-

Gal. 5:22-23

Producing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

**IV. Rebellion Against Christ – 20:7-10**

1. Satan is released after 1,000 years – 7

God is still in control – 20:3

“He must be released for a little while”

Humans must be allowed to choose

2. He deceives the nations on earth – 8

Gathers them for battle against God’s “Anointed”

The number is like the sand of the sea

3. This army marches against the “beloved city”

With all the perfection on earth they rebel

Because they have not been born again

They do not have a spirit that is alive unto God

They are not suited to eternity with God

4. Fire comes down from Heaven & consumed them– 9

Satan, the deceiver, is thrown into lake of fire, tormented forever

