

## **RIGHTLY DIVIDING RESURRECTIONS**

### **CORRECTING SCOFIELD - PART V: TWO RESURRECTIONS**

*"But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.  
This is the first resurrection."*

~ Revelation 20:5

#### **1. Scofield's Two Resurrections**

- a. "Rightly dividing" was popularly joined to dispensational truth through men like Scofield
- b. Scofield's Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth, chapter 4: "Two Resurrections"
- c. At a time when 1) physical resurrection was denied, 2) one general resurrection
- d. Summary, since "resurrection" is real and literal, then we must also rightly divide them.

#### **2. Literal Resurrection of the Dead**

- a. Resurrection ~*def.* To rise again; to come out of the grave; life from the dead.
- b. Taught by OT Scriptures – Job 19:25-26, Abraham Heb 11:19, Jonah, Ps 16:10
  - i. Prophesied in Ps 22:29, 49:15, 71:20, Isa 26:19, 45:23, 53:10-12, Hos 6:2
  - ii. Denied by Sadducees, but Jesus believed - Lk 20:27, 34-38, John 11:23-26
- c. This is an idea the "scientific" community denies outright (despite contrary evidence)
  - i. *"What evidence is there that resurrection is real?"* ~ Besides Jesus?
  - ii. Hundreds saw him, gave their lives, touched him, unbeliever testimony, Paul.
- d. *"No doctrine... more vital to Christianity."* Christianity is dead w/o resurrection.
  - i. Without resurrection, our preaching and faith is vain - 1 Cor 15:12-14
  - ii. (Note: they preached faith without Christ's resurrection → Lk 18:34-43, Jn 4:42)

#### **3. All in the Graves**

- a. All will come forth (because of Christ), but the "subjects of the resurrection" differ.
- b. A resurrection unto everlasting life and some unto everlasting contempt – Dan 12:2
- c. Those that believe on Jesus pass from death to life (resurrection) - John 5:24-25
- d. Some resurrect to life (believers), some resurrect to damnation (unbelief) - Jn 5:28-29
- e. There is a "resurrection of the just" and the unjust – Luke 14:14, Acts 24:15
- f. All will be raised and judged acc. to our gospel – Acts 17:30-31, Rom 2:16, 2 Tim 2:8

#### **4. Resurrection Timing**

- a. "... the Scriptures do not teach that all the dead are raised at one time."
- b. Scofield, "believer's bodies are raised... a thousand years before unbelievers"
  - i. To be dispensational is to be premillennial, and to rightly divide resurrections.
  - ii. Rightly dividing necessary for resurrections - 2 Tim 2:15-18
- c. The apostle of resurrection says there is an order (not the same time) - 1Cor 15:21-26
  - i. 1) Christ, 2) They that are Christ's at his coming, 3) Then, the end.
  - ii. There is an order to resurrection at His coming (first, then) – 1 Thess 4:13-18
  - iii. There is an order to resurrection in the end (first, second)– Rev 20:1-7
  - iv. (Pre-millennial = Jesus is coming before the millennium - 1000 yrs)
- d. Resurrections: Christ, dead in Christ, saints caught up, Israel's kingdom, the unjust.
  - i. Wrong division: "resurrection is past already" ← not discerning, overthrows faith
  - ii. it is important to know what time it is, to know what to expect (our hope!)