

A floating island with a castle and a town, set against a cosmic background. The island is illuminated from below, and the background features a bright, glowing light source and a colorful nebula. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent rectangular area.

Heaven, Hell and the Christian Hope

There's a
***Great
Day
Coming***



Where
are the dead

?

Hell

**Eternity without
God**

**A
LIVING
HOPE:**

**Anchor of
the soul**





RESURRECTION!

**His Story and
Our Hope**

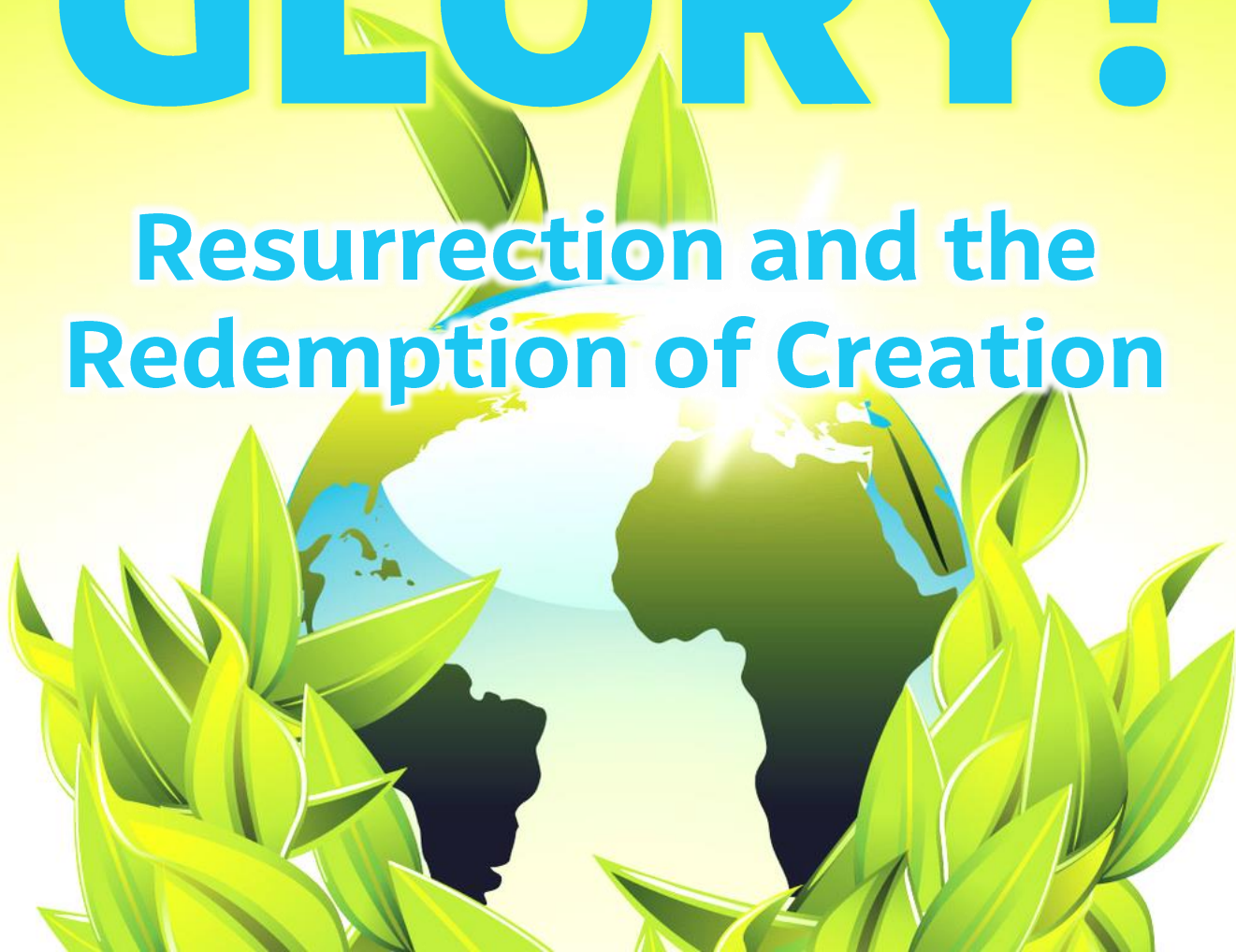


WE WILL RISE!

**Jesus' Resurrection
and Ours**

HOPE OF GLORY!

Resurrection and the
Redemption of Creation



A floating island with a castle under a starry sky. The island is dark and jagged, floating above a sea of dark, swirling clouds. On top of the island sits a large, ornate castle with many towers and spires, illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The sky above is a vibrant mix of teal, blue, and yellow, with numerous stars and nebulae visible. The overall scene is ethereal and majestic.

ETERNAL GLORY

What will Heaven
be like?

A floating island with a castle and city under a cosmic sky. The island is dark and jagged, floating above a sea of dark, swirling clouds. On top of the island, a large, ornate castle with a tall spire is illuminated from within, casting a warm, golden glow. Below the castle, a smaller city with various buildings is also visible, some of which are lit up. The sky above is a vibrant mix of teal, blue, and yellow, with a bright, glowing light source behind the island, creating a halo effect. The overall scene is fantastical and ethereal.


HEAVEN

Who is going to be
there?

Q & A

on
heaven & hell





**Will there be
degrees of
punishment
in hell, reward
in heaven**



yes

it is supported by
reason



we insist that
punishment should
“fit” the crime



*there are
degrees of **guilt**,
hence degrees of
punishment*



*it is supported by
revelation*



*we are judged
individually for what
each one has done*





rev

21:
22-26

And the dead were
judged by what was written in the
books, **according to what they had
done**.... And Death and Hades gave up
the dead who were in them, and they
were judged, each one of them,
according to what they had done.



2cor 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that **each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body,** whether good or evil.

“according to their works”

psalms 62:12

proverbs 24:12

matthew 16:27

romans 2:6; 14:12

1 Peter 1:17

revelation 2:22; 22:12

*punishment for some
is more severe*





mat

11:
22-24

But I tell you, it will be **more**
bearable on the day of judgment
for Tyre and Sidon than for you.



mat

11:
22-24

But I tell you that it will be **more tolerable on the day of judgment** for the land of Sodom than for you.

note:

*they were condemned,
not for any evil they actively
committed against Jesus,*

note:

*but they because they were
indifferent toward him!*

***punishment is relative
to opportunity***



the greater the
opportunity

the greater the
accountability

the greater the
guilt

the greater the
punishment

this makes our situation
among the worst possible
from which to enter eternity
unprepared!



luke

12:
47-48

And that servant **who knew his master's will** but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a **severe beating**. But the **one who did not know**, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a **light beating**.



luke

**12:
47-48**

Everyone to whom much was given,
of him much will be required, and
from him to whom they entrusted
much, they will demand the more.

note:

*ignorance does
not excuse*

note:

*we are responsible not
only for what we know,
but what we
could/should know*



heb

12:
26-29

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.



heb

12:
26-29

Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.



heb

12:
26-29

How much worse punishment,
do you think, will be deserved by the
one who has trampled underfoot the
Son of God, and has profaned the
blood of the covenant by which he
was sanctified, and has outraged the
Spirit of grace?

consider categories



preachers, teachers



jas

3:1

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that **we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.**



eze

**3:
17-19**

Son of man, I have made you a
watchman for the house of Israel.
Whenever you hear a word from my
mouth, you shall give them warning
from me.



ezek

**3:
17-19**

If I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.



eze

3:
17-19

But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

*leaders, elders,
shepherds*




eze

**34:
1-10**

Son of man, prophesy against the
shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say
to them, even to the shepherds,
Thus says the Lord God...



eze



34:
9-10

...therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and **I will require my sheep at their hand...**



heb 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, **as those who will have to give an account.** Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

*we are rewarded
according to our
faithfulness*





mat 25:21

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'



1cor

**3:
13-15**

...each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.



1cor

3:
13-15

If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will **receive a reward**. If anyone's work is burned up, he will **suffer loss**, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

note:

*“reward” does not mean
meriting salvation*

note:

*but what we receive
based on what we have
done with what we have
been entrusted with*

final considerations



*this does not mean some
will be comfortable
in hell, or unhappy
in heaven*

*heaven is a
prepared place for a
prepared people*

*all in heaven will enjoy it
to the extent to which
they are capable*

*that will be determined
by what we have done
now to **prepare**
for it*

*how critical, then, that
we serve faithfully, and
cultivate the desire to be
with the Lord*

*our choices, our priorities,
our commitments,
our time, our thoughts
and actions are
**shaping us for
eternity!***



what about
you
?