

"The Two Resurrections"

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Lady Anne Grimston did not believe in life after death. When she lay dying in her luxury mansion, she denied God and any afterlife. She said to her friends, "I shall live again as surely as a tree will grow from my body."

She was buried in a marble tomb in St. Peter's churchyard in Herfordshire County, England over 200 years ago. The grave was marked by a large marble slab and surrounded by an iron railing.

But over the years the marble cracked and a tree began to grow, and grow and grow! It tilted the stone and broke the marble masonry, tearing the iron railing out of the ground. Today's many visitors are amazed by the massive trunks of one of the largest trees in England actually growing four trunks from a massive root right out of her casket!



A tree with four roots grows from site of Lady Grimston's tomb in St. Peter's Churchyard, England

The long and short of it is: All people who have ever lived on this earth will one day resurrect and face Jesus Christ, some for everlasting rewards and some for everlasting judgment. Jesus, Himself made this clear statement in John 5:28-29. Further, the Apostle Paul explains that in the future "... at the name of Jesus **every** knee shall bow in heaven, earth, and under earth; and that **every** tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father" -Philippians 2:10-11. "Every" means every in this statement (all humans and celestial beings), for some unfortunately it will mean in judgment.

Those found in the **first resurrection** will be there for a Divine evaluation of their works and distributing of their final rewards. According to Revelation 20:4-6, ones that had died for their witness and faith in Christ will live and reign with Christ for 1,000 years. John writes: "Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him one thousand years" -Rev. 20:6.

God will reward His people for their faithful service. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 describes this judgment (evaluation) of God's people:

- 1) The fire of God's evaluation will reveal works of value from God's perspective. -1 Corinthians 3:12-13
- 2) Some Christian's work will be valuable! -1 Corinthians 3:14
- 3) Some Christians will be saved with very little reward to show for their works. -1 Corinthians 3:15.

The one thing we can count on is God's faithfulness toward us when we faithfully serve Him. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and



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labor of love which you have showed toward His name..." -Hebrews 6:10. Our God is faithful. He will not forget His faithful people! God will do right by us!

But then there are those found in the **second resurrection**, where final judgment will fall upon the unbelievers: "And I saw a great white throne, and he that sat on it from whose face the earth and heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. . And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works" -Rev. 20:11-13.

This is a judgment none of us will want to be a part of, where condemnation is the result, according to individual indictment issued by the only Righteous Judge according to personal sins. No human works are truly good according to God's perfect standard -Romans 3:12. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" -Romans 3:23. The final result for rejection of God and His Son (those not being found in the Book of Life) is to be cast into the Lake of Fire according to Revelation 20:15. To do absolutely nothing about our sinful condition will result in separation from God forever in the Lake of Fire.

But God, who is rich in His great mercy has provided a solution to our problem. He demonstrated His own great love for us in providing a perfectly righteous Savior to die for our sins. "He (God) has made Him who knew no sin (Jesus) to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" -2 Corinthians 5:21. This is the amnesty program of the ages! Christ our Savior takes our sins and dies in our place. He then clothes us in His righteousness! Each of us must call upon Jesus to be saved! Romans 10:13

On the Light Side: Meeting the Future Daughter-in-Law...

David has finally gotten engaged, and he is excited to show off his new bride to be.

"Ma", he said to his Mother, "I'm going to bring home three girls and I want you to guess which one is my fiancé."

Sure enough, twenty minutes later David walked in the door with three girls following behind him. "It's that one", said his mother, without blinking an eye.

"Wow!" exclaimed David, "How in the world did you know it was her?"

"I just don't like her", she replied.

Senior Wisdom: The older you get, the harder it is to lose weight because by that time your body and your fat are really good friends.



Vegetable Fettuccini

- 1/2 pound fresh Fettuccini
- 2 cups shredded or chopped Carrots
- 1 ½ cups Broccoli Florets
- 2-3 tablespoons Olive Oil
- 2-3 tablespoons Vinegar
- Salt and Freshly ground Black Pepper
- Optional: Italian Seasoning

Add Fettuccini, Carrots, and Broccoli Florets to boiling water in a medium saucepan for 6 minutes. Remove about 2 tablespoons of the cooking water to a serving bowl. Drain pasta mixture. Add to the reserved water Olive Oil, Vinegar, Italian Seasoning, Salt and Pepper (to taste). Add Fettuccini, Carrots and Broccoli. Toss well. Optional: Add shredded Cheddar or Feta Cheese. Yield 4 servings.

-Linda Gassinheimer



Helpful Hints

When shopping, watch for pickpockets in places like the check out counter where you normally lay down your purse or parcel. Also be alert at store entrances, on elevators, in bargain areas, or in demonstration areas.

Ladies, when shopping it is best to carry a zippered shoulder bag with any outside pockets facing toward you. Don't carry large amounts of cash and divide your cash up between the purse, your eyeglasses case and inner clothes pocket.

Ladies, if you live alone do not let others know this. Do not list your full name on your mailbox. Use only your initials and last name.

If a salesman or repair person comes to the door, ask for an ID and do not open the door until you have it. If you are still in doubt, check with the person's office. Children old enough to answer the door should be able to see who is there. Install a second peephole low enough for youngsters to use.

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"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" --John 11:25

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Rev. David J. Bauer's August Itinerary



July 26 Devon Church, Chicago, IL 9:30 a.m.

Aug. 30 Merson Church, Gobles, MI 10:45 a.m. EST

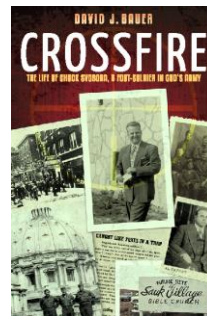
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Its Greatest Test

Our Constitution is facing its greatest test today, as men who have no concept of the spiritual foundations of our great nation seek to undermine it, and to take from us the basic provisions contained in this great document.

Every loyal American should determine that with every power he possesses, he will preserve, protect and defend his country and Constitution which is the foundation for his freedom.

-Hart Armstrong



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Smaller churches in larger buildings are finding it easier to safely resume services. It is actually a bit better time for smaller congregations, to get together and to disinfect areas afterward.

Mega churches are having difficulty. Some of the larger congregations have resorted to multi services on Sunday, with limited attendance and reservation made online for service of a specific time, in order to comply with safe distancing and common sense safe operation. Some very large churches have not returned to public worship as of yet.

We find ourselves advising many churches in a number of situations; all with unique issues of operation. For instance, churches near major cities may be at risk for a higher percentage of folks testing positive for COVID 19, while in many of our remote rural areas, positive cases are mostly non existent. Though we do not want to pose a risk to any of our people, obviously protocol in low risk areas will be less stringent than what the rules may be in areas near the big cities.

One particular church I attended, the rules were to enter through one door only and the seats were assigned when I arrived. Masks were required of everyone. When songs were played, congregants were advised to not sing along, as this would impose additional risk (and that is very hard to observe, by the way). After the service, folks were ushered promptly out of the building and could only socialize outside. Another church in Chicago has Plexiglas between people in pews and in front of the preacher to prevent particles from traveling around. Both of these churches have older and higher risk parishioners, so this makes good sense.

Prayer Request: Pray for the Bauer family, upon the passing of John Victor Szulc (23), pastor Dave Bauer's sister, Joy and husband Peter's oldest son. Pray for wisdom, strength and comfort in the days to come for grieving parents, siblings and loved ones. God alone gives ultimate healing. --Psa 103:3

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Bauer --Jeremiah 33:3