

Westminster Larger Catechism (WLC) 2020-2021

Women's Thursday Bible Study #22 (end of Part I WLC)

Q. #87 What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

A. We are to believe, that at the Last Day there shall be a **general** resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust: when they that are then found alive shall in a moment **be changed**; and the **self- same bodies** of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then **again united to their souls** forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their Head, shall be raised in power, **spiritual, incorruptible**, and made like to his glorious body; / and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonor by him, as an offended judge.

Acts 24:15

I Thess. 4:15-17

I Cor. 15: 20-25

42-44

49,51-53

Phil. 3:20-21

John 5:27-29

Mat. 25:33; Rev. 20:13

Spiritual body means a tangible, material body suited to its new environment (Luke 24:39)

Was of corruptible, mortal nature. /. **Now** incorruptible, immortal nature

Note: at the Westminster Assembly, the pre-millennial position was frowned upon . They believed in one, not two resurrections

Resurrection of the body - scoffed at . It is a mystery

Extreme importance of the doctrine of the resurrection of Christ- I Cor. 15:20 His resurrection the first fruits - pledge of ours!

Therefore, I Cor. 15:58. The Bible's method of tying the **indicative** (objective truth) with

The **imperative** command to obey . Doctrine has practical benefit!!!!!! Other clear verses - II Pet. 3:10-14 and Titus 2:13

Q.88. What shall immediately follow after the resurrection?

A. Immediately after the resurrection shall follow the general and final judgment of angels and men; the day and hour whereof no man knoweth, that all may watch and pray, and be ever ready for the coming of the Lord.

John 5:27-29 so close connect

II Pet. 2:4 and Jude 6 - God is judge. Saints concur

Jude 7,14-15 with Mat. 25:46

Mat 24:36,42-44 and Luke 21:35-36

What emphasis should be given to this doctrine of the second coming and Last Day?

(the degree of emphasis given in Scripture) - balanced expository preaching and teaching. tendency we have to extremes

Q. # 89. What shall be done to the wicked at the Day of Judgment?

A. At the day of judgment, the wicked shall be set on Christ's left hand, and,

- upon clear evidence, and full conviction of their own conscience, shall have the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them;
- And thereupon shall be cast out from the favorable presence of God, and the glorious fellowship with Christ, his saints, and all his holy angels, into hell, to be punished with unspeakable torments, both of body and soul, with the devil and his angels forever.

Mat. 25:33

41-43, 46

Rom. 2:14-16

Mat. 26:24

5:29-30

10:28

Mark 9:42-48

II Thess. 1: end of 7-10

Hell (and Heaven) is a place

False ideas of: 1. Universalism

1. Annihilationism

Not to pick and choose (what we hear , read and want preached) based on felt needs. Point to be taken: Jesus was more emphatic on his teaching of hell than the apostles

Q. #90 What shall be done to the righteous at the Day of Judgment?

A. At the Day of judgment, the righteous, being caught up to Christ in the clouds, shall be set on his right hand, and there **openly acknowledged and acquitted**, shall join with him in judging of reprobate angels and men, and shall be received into heaven, where they shall be fully and forever **freed from all sin and misery**; filled with inconceivable joys, made perfectly holy and happy both **in body and soul** ,in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels , but especially **in the immediate vision and fruition** of God the Father , of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity. And this is the perfect and full communion, which the members of the invisible church shall enjoy with Christ in glory, at the resurrection and Day of Judgment.

I Thess. 4:17-18

Matt. 25:31-34, 46

Matt. 10:32-33

I Cor. 6:2-3

Eph. 5:27 - the church without blemish (freed from sin), Rev. 14:13 (freed from misery)

Ps. 16:11 filled with joy

*Heb. 12:22-23, till 29

I John 3:2 and I Cor. 13:12

Who will meet Christ in the air?

What is meant by saying "set on Christ's right hand?"

by saying saints " openly acknowledged and acquitted "?

by saying saints" shall join with Christ in judging?"

What is the chief blessedness of heaven?

Shall see God - **vision**

Shall reach chief aim (**fruition**) - perfectly glorify and enjoy God

Satanic device to caricature heaven (and hell for that matter)

Weekly Sabbath is a picture of the heavenly rest for the believer.

Next week: we begin Part II - Q. 91-196 , What duty God requires of man.

Maybe 91-97. Topic: the Moral Law and its use to all