

## Sunday Notes: Resurrection of the Dead

- Fake News

- Burger King have apparently unveiled a new chocolate Whopper. According to the advert, the burger comprises of a "flame-grilled chocolate patty", topped with candied blood oranges, raspberry syrup and vanilla frosting, in a chocolate cake bun.
- Coca-Cola is to launch three new flavours of its sugar-free Zero brand, claims the Sunday Mirror. The avocado, sourdough and charcoal flavoured soft drinks have been conceived to appeal to the "brunch-loving, superfood-snacking millennial", the newspaper says.
- Heinz Their new "chocolate mayonnaise" would be ideal spread on toast, added to cake batter, or paired with roast lamb, apparently.
- Scandinavian homeware retailer Clas Ohlson brings another product launch announcement - bottles of fresh "Swedish air". Featuring a "classically Swedish design" and bottled in the area surrounding Insjön, Clas Ohlson's founding town, the product will apparently allow British customers to "breathe like a Swede".
- West Yorkshire Police have deployed a tough new crime-fighting recruit this Easter Sunday. Rabbits...in police jackets

- Risen Jesus

- **Matt 28:6** He is not here, for He has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where He lay.
  - Risen saviour
  - Death conquered
  - Sins paid for
  - Eternity with Jesus possible
  - Purpose and hope
  - You will be resurrected

1. **This life is not it**

2. **Eternity is written in our hearts**

3. **You can't matter, have destiny but your origin be a theory**

- The Gospel

- **ROMANS 10:9** "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that **God raised him from the dead**, you will be saved.
- 1 Corinthians 15: **1** Now I would remind you, brothers,[a] of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, **2** and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.
  - **The Essence of the Gospel Revealed** : **3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, **4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,
  - **Evidence of Christ's Resurrection**: **5** and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. **6** Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. **7** Then he appeared to James, then to all the

- apostles. **8** Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.
- **9** For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. (Skip v 10 & 11) **12** Now if Christ is proclaimed Asia raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
  - **If there was no resurrection**
    - **Jesus' body would still be in the grave (decayed) 13** But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.
    - **Our faith would have no foundation 14** And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.
    - **As Christians would be false witnesses (liars...Fake News) 15** We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.
    - **This life would be it | You would not count or matter 16** For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.
    - **Our faith would be futile - we would still be in our sins 17** And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
    - **All those Christians who died would be lost forever 18** Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. **19** If in Christ we have hope[b] in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.
    - **Pauls declares truth 20** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
    - Jesus offers life; no separation from God - what our hearts long for **21** For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
    - **You, Me, All who have lived and will live- Resurrected 23** But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits,
      - Firstfruits =
        - a. God has ordained that Jesus had to be the first to rise from the dead "that He might have the pre-eminence in all things – the first born from the dead". Col 1:18.
        - b. The resurrection of Jesus was God's confirmation that Jesus was divine. Romans 1:4. "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead".
        - c. Through His resurrection Jesus has given the light that brings life to all. Acts 26:22,23. He alone has "the keys of Hell (Hades) and Death". Rev 1:18.
        - d. It is important that we note that "first fruits" is in the plural.
    - then at his coming those who belong to Christ. **24** Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. **25** For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.**

- **Great exchange....because of Jesus conquered death**
  - Temporal to eternal....

- this world will fade away
- Old for New
- Ashes for Beauty
- Mourning into Joy
- Death into Life
- Hopless into Hope
- Purpose
- Assurance

## THE AGES....possibly in week 2's message.

### THE AGES PAST

- Scientists tell us that the Universe is approximately 15 Billion years old.
- The Bible tells us that God created it "in the beginning". Very little, however, is revealed about these billions of years. What we are told, is that something happened in the distant past which caused the earth to become "without form and void", i.e. covered with water and surrounded by total darkness; a darkness so deep and intense that not even the light of a star was to be seen in the heavens. All life had disappeared and for many millions of years the earth lay dead and sterile.

### THIS PRESENT AGE

- This age in which we now live began with an act of recreation by God. (Gen 1:3 ff).
  - By comparing Scripture with Scripture we are able to determine that it will last for a period of approximately 7000 years and then be totally destroyed or renovated by fire.
    - 2 Pet 3:10 "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat: both the earth and the works that are in it will be burnt up."

### THE AGES TO COME

- 2 Pet 3:13 "Nevertheless we, according to His promises look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."
  - The earth, in fact, is not destroyed but changed by fire. God will again bring about a new creation over which we will reign with Christ forever and ever. In this age there will be no sin, no Satan and no darkness.

### THE DISPENSATIONS

- This present age begins with Adam and Eve and ends with the heavens and the earth on fire.
  - Jewish tradition believed that as God created the Heavens and the Earth in six days and then rested on the seventh, so He has superimposed that pattern on this present age substituting a thousand years for each day. This thought is supported by Scripture:
    - 2 Pet 3:8 In the midst of his teaching about the ages, Peter says "with the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day."
    - Rev 20:1-10 The Millennium of "the day of rest" will be 1000 years long.

- The first 6000 years is divided into three distinct periods of approximately 2000 years each:-

- **THE DISPENSATION OF CONSCIENCE**

- There being no written Word, men and women walked before God according to their conscience.

- **THE DISPENSATION OF LAW**

- Once God had given the Law at Mount Sinai, this word or revelation became man's new guide and arbitrator, clearly pointing to his need of a Saviour.

- **THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE**

- When Jesus, the Lamb of God, died at Calvary, God established once and for all that salvation was God's free gift to all who would believe.
      - we live in this time....free gift, available
      - Enemy using all tactics to discredit, distract, disillusion
      - *A people who way of life echoes, declares Jesus !!!*

- Heaven & Hell

- Real Places

- Places which created for different purpose

- **Hell**...created for Satan and his angels

- **Matt 25:41** "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'
      - \*\* Never for you or any human being
      - **Wont enter their unforgiven....but rather unbleieving**
    - **Rev 20:10** "And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever."
    - Free Will... your choice / Confess & believe in Jesus

- Heaven

- This is God's dwelling place. **2 Chron 6:18,21**
    - Jesus referred to it as "My Father's house". **John 14:2**
    - This is also the home of the cherubim, seraphim, archangels and angels.
    - New Heaven and New Earth