Lord are there few that be saved? Jesus speaking.-Marvel not at this ,for the hour is coming,in the which all that are in their graves shall hear His voiceand shall come forth;they that have done good,unto the resurrection of Life;and they that have done evil,unto the resurrection of damnation.

Eze.37,1-15 Ezekiel was taken by the Spirit of the Lord to a valley which was full of bones,very many,and dry,verse 3And the question was a asked him,Son of man,can these bones live?And I answered,O Lord thou knowest.He was told to prophesy to the bones,that the should live,So I prophesied as I was commanded:and as I prophesied,there was a noise,and behold a shaking,and the bones came together,bone to his boneVerse 8 And when I beheld,lo,the sinues and flesh came upon them,and the skin covered them above:but there was no breath in them.He then commanded me to prophesy to the wind to breath upon them that they may live.I prophesied as He commanded me,and breath came into them,and they lived,and s stood upon their feet,an exceeding great army.Verse 11 Then He said unto me,son of man,these bones are the whole house of Israel:Behold they say our bones are dried up,and our hope is lost,we are cut off from our parts.12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them,thus saith the Lord,God; Behold,O my people, I will open your graves,and bring you into the land of Israel.Read from the first to the fifteenth verses.

Isaiah 26,19 Thy dead men shall live,together with my dead body shall they live. Hosea 13,14 I will ransom from the power of the grave.Dan,12 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,some to everlasting life,some to everlasting ~~condemnation;~~ shame and contempt.

Rev.14,1-4 We read of 144000 having the Fathers name written in foreheads,standing with the Lamb on Mount Sion,and they sang as it were a new song.

Mt.27,51 As Jesus died on the cross-And behold the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom;and the earth did quake, and the rocks were rent.52 And the graves were opened;and many of the bodies of the saints which slept.arose,and came out of their graves after His resurrection,and went into the city,and appeared to many.

Other accounts of those who were raised from the dead.1 Kings 13,31 The soldier who came to life when he was hastily placed in Elisha's grave. and came in contact with Elisha's bones.--Mt 9,25 The ruler's daughter. Lu.7,15 The son of the widow of Nain.--Jn 11,44 Lazarus.--Ac.9,40 Dorcas.

Mt.22,23 The Saddusees who believed there is no resurrection of the dead,advanced this argument to our saviour,of aa provision in the Law of Moses,that if a man marry a wife and die befor having a child,his brother shall take the wife and raise up seed to his brother,and there were seven brethren each of which had the same wife with leaving any seed,and then asked Him,Whose wife shall she be in the resurrection,for they all had her.Jesus answered and said unto them,Ye do err,not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God.For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage,but are as the angels of heaven.

Ac.4,1-2 The Saddusees came upon the disciples,being grieved that they taught,through Jesus,the resurrection from the dead,Ac,17-18 Then certain of the ~~Stoics~~ Epicureans and of the Stoics,encountered Paul,because he preached unto them Jesus and the resurrection. Ac.26,8 Paul defending himself before Agrippa,Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you,that God should raise the dead?

1 Cor.15,12 Now if it be preached that Christ arose from the dead, how say some of you that there is no resurrection? of the dead?13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead,then is Christ not risen,then is our preaching vain,Yea and we are found false witnesses of God;because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ,whom He raised not up,if so be that the dead raise not up.Verse 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead,and become the first fruits of them that slept.22 For as in Adam all die,so in Christ are all made alive.Jn.11,25 Jesus declared,I am the resurrection and the Life;he that believeth in me, tho he were dead,yet shall he live,--Jn.10,10 I am come that ye may have life.Jn.14,6 I am the way the truth and the Life.

In 2 Tim.1-10We learnthat Christ hath ~~brought it~~ abolished death,and hath brought Life and immortality tolight through the gospel.--1 Jn.5, 12 He that hath the Son,hath Life.He that hath not the Son,hath not Life.

PURPOSE OF HIS RESURRECTION.

Ac.17,30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at,but now commandeth all men every where to repent.Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness,by that man whom He hath ~~appointed~~ ordained;whereof He hath given assurance unto all men in that He hath raised Him from the dead. Ac.2,32 This Jesus hath God r raised up,whereof we are all witnesses(we apostles).--Ro.4,24 If we be lieve on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;who was delivered for our offenses,and was raised again for our justification. Jn.20,30 And many other signs did Jesus in the presence of His disciples which are not written in this book.But these are written,that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ,the Son of God,and that believeing,ye might have life through His name. Turn to page 2.

THE REWARD AT THE RESURRECTION.

Jn.5,28 Marvel not at this,for the hour is coming,when they that are in their graves shall hear His voice,And shall come forth;they that have done good,unto the resurrection of Life;and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation. Rev.20,11 And I saw a great white t throne,and Him that sat upon it,from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away;and there was no place found for them.12 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.--Verse 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Whenwe in the judgment stand,in that mighty company,and the Judge shall question us,O what shall our answer be?.

Mt.6,19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth,where moth and rust doth corrupt,and wh ere thieves break through and steal.But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt,and where thieves do not break through and steal,21 For where your treasure is,there will your heart be also.--1 Tim.6,17 Charge them that are rich in this world,that they be not high minded,nor trust in uncertain riches,but in the living God,who giveth us all things to enjoy.That they be rich in good works,ready to distribute,willing to communicate.

We notice the above quotations,Name those who have done good are the ones raised to everlasting life.In the first place,it is necessary to believe that Jesus is the Christ ,the Son of God,John said that this is the reason he wrote the Gospel of John Jn.20,30.And Jesus said except Ye believe that I am He ye shall die in your sins,Also Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.And further says ~~Except ye confess me before me~~Mt.10,32 Whosoever shall confess me before men,him will I confess before my Father ~~and~~ which is in heaven.And when He gave the command for the disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,He added,"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,So we are to believe on Him,repent of our sins,confess that we believe that He is the Christ,the Son of God.and then be baptized for the remission of our sins. Then arise to walk a new life.

This new life begins when we are buried with Christ in baptism and are raised to walk in newness off life.Ro.6,3-6 Know ye not,that so many o of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ,were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death:that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father,even so we should walk in newnwss of life.

This new life now begins with,As new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby 1 Pe.2-2.--We are told to grow in grace and knowledge 2 Pe.3-18.--And Paul told Timothy,to study to shew thyself approved unto God,a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.2 Tim.2,15. Paul also tells us that All scripture is given by inspiration of God,and is profitable for doctrine,for reproof,for correction,for instruction in righteousness,that the man of God may be perfect,Thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Pe.1,5-9 tells us to Give all diligence to make our calling and election sure ,by adding to our faith Virtue,Knowledge,Temperance,Patience, Godliness,Brotherly kindness,and Charity,And adds,For if these things be in you and abound,they make you that you shall neither be unfruitful nor barren in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We are also exhorted to pass His word on to others.Preach the word, be instant ,in season,and out of season,rebuke,exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine,2 Tim 4,2.--Verse 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.--2 Pe.1,5-9 tells us also that if we add the things He has mentioned,That an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,Verse 10.--And we might add 1 Pe.1,3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,which according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

He.4,9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God,Verse 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest.**Verse 1 Let us therefore fear,lest a promise of entering into that rest,some of you ~~she~~ should seem to come short of it.

Some shall awake to everlasting life,Some to everlasting shame and contempt.--- When we in the Judgment stand,in that mighty company and the Judge shall question us,O!What shall our answer be?

In hope of being resurrected to everlasting life.

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