

AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS

A Study of First Corinthians

THE DOMINOES OF RESURRECTION

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 Jeff Schreve

*But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive. **But each in his own order:** Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23*

What is the order of the resurrection from the dead?

1. Jesus rises first - He is the first fruits.

The LORD told Moses to say to the community of Israel: After you enter the land I am giving you, the first bundle of wheat from each crop must be given to me. So bring it to a priest on the day after the Sabbath. He will lift it up in dedication to me, and I will accept you.

Leviticus 23:9-11 CEV

A. The first fruits signaled there was a harvest to come.

B. Adam => a harvest of death; Jesus => a harvest of life.

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned. Romans 5:12

C. You are born in Adam; you must be born again to be in Christ.

2. The saints rise at His coming.

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1 Corinthians 15:23

A. The age of grace saints rise at His secret coming.

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the

*voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*

B. The tribulation saints rise at His second coming.

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. Revelation 20:4

3. The unsaved rise at the end of the 1000 year reign.

There shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. Acts 24:15

The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. Revelation 20:5

A. Jesus will abolish all rebellion.

Then after Christ has destroyed all powers and forces, the end will come, and he will give the kingdom to God the Father. Christ will rule until he puts all His enemies under his power, and the last enemy He destroys will be death. 1 Corinthians 15:24-26 CEV

B. Jesus will raise and judge everyone who rejected His grace.

C. Jesus will deliver a pure, redeemed humanity to the Father.

For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him. And when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, that God may be all in all. 1 Corinthians 15:27-28

*** Which resurrection are you going to be part of?**