

A Great Mystery of God Revealed

(Last Great Day)

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Greetings, everyone. Welcome to The Last Great Day, the eighth day, and what a Feast that it has been and always is, because God's Word is:

- always new
- always ancient
- always true
- always right

All of the opinions of all men everywhere are null and void!

Lev. 23 is where God has listed all of His Holy Days and we've progressed through the year, Sabbath after Sabbath, and then right through beginning with Passover, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles, and now The Last Great Day. ***This is a mystery of God revealed!***

We'll just rehearse the verses that cover the Feast of Tabernacles. If you want to know how important it is, go to Num. 28 & 29 and look at the number of sacrifices that were given during this time. *It's extraordinary!* All of them have meaning concerning what God is going to do spiritually in fulfilling the Feast of Tabernacles and especially The Last Great Day.

Leviticus 23:34: "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD.'" *We just finished that!*

Verse 35: "On the first day *shall be* a Holy convocation. You shall do no servile work *therein*. Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day shall be a Holy convocation to you. And you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly...." (vs 35-36).

God is going to reveal the secret of this day, which affects all mankind, all the way down through the history of men!

Now we're to proclaim these and we do. We're going to take up an offering. So, we will go ahead and take that up at this time and then I'm going to present the rest of this ***to people who have never heard about The Last Great Day or the meaning of it.*** In it, it will cover everything we need to know ***for us*** for The Last Great Day.

(pause for the offering)

Greetings everyone, this is Fred Coulter, ***a great mystery of God revealed!*** What is that? All men and women—everyone—wants to know what happens when people die? Nearly every religion says you go to heaven, ***but the Bible says clearly in the words written by the Apostle John that no one has ascended to heaven except the Son of man who came down from heaven.***

Let's ask questions as we go along here:

- Do you believe God?
- Do you believe Jesus Christ?
- Do you believe the Word of God?

There are many translations out there, so it gets real confusing. That's why we have the Bible, *The Holy Bible in Its Original Order, A Faithful Version*. It's the only Bible in English ever printed that has all the books of the Bible, Old Testament and New Testament *in their original order!*

This is necessary because Jesus said... Now, I want you to listen carefully. As I ask these questions, I want you to answer honestly for yourself'

- What did Jesus say when He was tempted of Satan the devil? The very first thing?

The devil came along and said, 'If you're the Son of God command these stones become bread.'

- What was Jesus' answer?

This is absolutely true: 'Man—that means men and women—shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'

If you're a Protestant or a Catholic, you were told many different things, doing away with large portions of the Bible:

- You were told that the Old Testament is for the Jews. *Wrong!*
- You were told that souls go to heaven. *Wrong!*
- You were told there's an ever burning hell. *Wrong!*
- You were told that Sunday is a day sanctioned by the Bible. *Wrong!*
- You were told that the holidays of this world are sanctioned by God. *Wrong!*

You need this book that we have: ***Occult Holidays or God's Holy Days—Which?*** We will send it to you, no cost.

I want to ask another question of you:

- Do you suppose that you have believed a lot of lies concerning the Bible?
a lot of lies concerning:
 - Sabbath/Sunday?
 - Holidays/Holy Days?
 - Have you?
 - Do you believe the lie that the Bible wasn't canonized until the second century A.D.? *Wrong!*

The Bible shows internally that it was canonized by *Peter, Paul, and John!*

- What else do you believe?
- Do you believe that the Bible had been published in every language possible so that it is right near to understanding for everyone ***IF*** they would ***believe God*** and ***believe His Word?***

So, if now you're a little bit upset, you need to consider this: When you really know the Bible, *which you don't*, and you really understand what the words are as they were inspired to be written and believed, ***95% of what you're taught in Protestantism and Catholicism are lies and overlaid with human tradition!***

If you believe God, do you believe this about God?:

Come to 2-Tim. 1:9—a lot of people like the Apostle Paul, but they don't understand the difficult Scriptures that Paul wrote, and hence they think the Law is done away.

Well, ***if*** the Law is done away, ***then*** you don't exist.

2-Timothy 1:9: "Who has saved us and called us with a Holy calling—not according to our works..."

But that doesn't mean we don't have works. ***We must do the works of God!*** By what? *'Living by every word of God,* as Jesus said.

"...but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the ages of time" (v 9).

You see, God looks at things time wise different than we do.

Now let's expose ***one of the greatest sins*** of theologians, priests, pastors, evangelists, cardinals and popes!

Titus 1:1: "Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, **according to the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the Truth...**"

Jesus said that ***the Word of God is Truth!***

- Do you believe that?

Properly translated, it carries the same force as the original! Unfortunately, there are so many bad translations out there, and so many false things taught that most people do not know.

"...knowledge of the Truth...[the Word of God is the Truth] ...that *is* according to Godliness in the hope of eternal life..." (vs 1-2).

How do we get eternal life since no one has ascended to heaven?

All of the relatives that you have gone to their funerals and they said, 'They're in heaven right now looking down at us and they're very happy that we're all here.' ***Really?*** When there's an open casket showing the person there.

The Bible says, now listen carefully.

- Do you believe the Bible
- Do you believe the Word of God?

It says, ***the soul that sins shall die!*** It also says that at death ***'our thoughts perish,' but our spirit goes back to God!***

We'll find out why the spirit goes back to God a little later, but there's a reason. And everyone who has lived and died, *that spirit has gone back to God!* We will see for what **a great purpose** that that is.

- ***God is NOT going to consign people to an ever-burning hell!***
- ***God is NOT going to consign them to heaven***

because heaven is coming to the earth!

You may have never heard of all of these things in your life, so just hold on because ***a great mystery of God revealed*** is the topic I'm going to cover. So, *stay with it to the end* even though you might be upset because you've never heard anyone say anything like this.

Verse 2: "In the hope of eternal life, which God **Who cannot lie...**"

- Do you believe that?
- Do you believe that the Word of God is the Truth of God from the God of Truth?

'Well men wrote it, so how can we trust it?'

- Do you think God is so weak and powerless that He can't cause men to write what He wants them to write? ***Of course He can!***

God gave us this Word and it was preserved and canonized by Peter, Paul, and John.

“...which God Who cannot lie promised before the ages of time, **but revealed** in its own set time in *the* proclamation of His Word, with **which I [Paul] was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior**” (vs 2-3). That says a lot, doesn't it?

Now let's look and see that we're told that none of the wicked will understand the Word of God (Dan. 12).

We're also told that ***the wise shall understand!*** Who are the wise? *The wise are the ones who love God and keep His commandments!*

Jesus said to His disciples that ***they were given to understand the mysteries of God,*** but not the world. Why is that? *Because the world wants to:*

- trust in *its own* philosophies
- trust in *its own* theories
- trust *in men* rather than trust in God

Paul writes that ***the wise of this world have rejected the Truth of God and that their wisdom is foolishness with God!***

Think about all the great theologians that are praised in the Catholic Church and in the Protestants.

Let's see what God says in 1-Cor. 2. You will notice that in everything we are covering, ***we are using the Word of God!*** We are not using any theories of men. We are going Scripture to Scripture to put it together so that ***we then will understand the mystery of God,*** which is a great mystery, and how He has revealed it.

1-Corinthians 2:7: Rather, we speak *the* wisdom of God in a mystery...”

Mystery to the world, but open to those who love God and keep His commandments and understand it. I am going to try and bring this to you so that you will have ***the desire to understand it and to believe what the Scriptures really say!***

“...even the hidden *wisdom* that God foreordained before the ages unto our glory” (v 7).

Again, *God has a plan!* He is working it out and it's all contained in the Bible. But we will see how to understand what's in the Bible. Because you can't pick it up and read it like a novel.

Verse 8: “Which not one of the rulers of this world has known...” ***None of them!***

Why? *Because they've all followed the fallen angel, Satan the devil, who comes as an angel of light and leads them into darkness.*

Look at all the things that they are doing in archaeology today to try and find out:

- How long has the earth been?
- How long have men been here?
- What did they worship?
- What did they do?
- What did they find?

The whole thing shows that everything that man does—it doesn't matter who you are, where you are, whatever age you live in—***death happens to all!***

Only the Word of God tells us how God is going to overcome death. ***So hang on!***

Verse 9: “But according as it is written, ***The eye has not seen, nor the ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.***”

I want you to think about this verse. There are a lot of people who claim God's love is unconditional. We will see ***that is also a lie!***

God's Law is everlasting, *not unconditional!* We'll see that, so hang on. because you need to open up your mind and your heart to understand.”

- Do you really want the Truth of God as it really is?
- or*
- Do you want your own ideas about it, which then will lead you astray?
- What is it that you want?
- Do you really want salvation God's way? ***When you stop and think about it, there is no other way! Only God's way!***

So we'll talk about that in a little bit as we get this mystery being revealed.

“...neither have entered into *the* heart of man *the* things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God...” (vs 9-10). *God does something, but not to everyone as we will see!*

Verse 10: “But God has revealed *them* to us by His Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things—even the deep things of God.”

That's what we're going to talk about today; ***the deep things of God revealed in a mystery and understood and explained from the Bible!***

Verse 11: “For who among men understands the things of man except *by* the spirit of man, which is in him?...”

- everybody has consciousness
- everybody has life
- everybody can think
- everybody can have all kinds of ideas

But unless you have the ideas and Truth of God in your heart and in your mind, you will never understand the Bible! It's that simple!

“...In the same way also, the things of God no one understands except *by* the Spirit of God” (v 11).

- the Spirit of God is Truth
- the Spirit of God is His power
- the Spirit of God is what leads us

Now, we'll see that in a little bit here. So, just hang on. Don't get mad at me. Just relax and think about:

- Have I really understood God?
- or*
- Have I been misled?
 - ✓ if you've been misled, that means ***you've been lied to***
 - ✓ if you've been lied to and you believe it, ***you believe lies***

You don't believe God, but you think you do!

Verse 12: “Now, we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that *is* of God, **so that we might know** the things graciously given to us by God.” *We might know! God wants you to know!*

- Do you want to know the Truth of God?
- Are you willing to give up the things that you may treasure so greatly?
 - or think that you have salvation?
 - or think that you have been born again?
 - or think that you're right with God?
 - or think that Sunday and holiday keeping is okay with God?

When God says those are pagan days to Satan the devil!

Maybe you've never heard it put that way, but that's what it is!

Verse 13: “Which things we also speak, not in words **taught by human wisdom...**”

- Do you understand that?

The smartest people in the world ***do not understand the Truth of God!*** They may have good philosophy according to the world and be well thought of according to the world as intelligent, ***but unless they actually keep the Word of God...***

As Jesus said where we first started, ***man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God!***

“...not in words taught by human wisdom, but in *words* taught by *the* Holy Spirit *in order* to communicate spiritual things by *spiritual means*” (v 13).

That's what we're going to do, and spiritual means by the Word of God. ***No other way!***

We're going to answer the question: **What is God's answer for all of those who died** and never heard anything about Jesus Christ, because He didn't come until roughly 2000 years ago? *So, that means down through the history of man, nobody knew about Jesus Christ!*

- Has God written them all off?
- or*
- Does He have a plan to also offer them salvation, even though at the present time they're dead?
 - no *philosophy* can answer that
 - no **religion** can answer that
 - ***Only the Word of God!***

Here's why:

Verse 14: “But *the* natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand **them because they are spiritually discerned.**”

- Are you ready to set aside all your thoughts about Christianity and listen to the Word of God?
- Are you willing to listen to the inspired words of Christ as recorded in the book of John?
- Are you?
- Are you willing to admit where you are wrong and understand the Truth?

Because you can't understand the Truth of the Bible until you understand that the way of man can't understand it on his own. ***You need the Spirit of God!*** That's what Jesus is talking about here in John 14.

So, we're going to look at some Scriptures now that Jesus gives so that we can understand spiritually what God is doing. So let's read it. And as we do, I want you to ask yourself the question

- Do you do this?

John 14—Jesus said, a first person, quote recorded by John, the one whom Jesus loved.

- Do you think John would write anything that wasn't truth?
- Do you think he would put down anything that God did not inspire him to put down? Of course not! Here's what Jesus said:

John 14:15: "**If** you love Me..."

All right, that clause right there **if** means *the choice is up to each one of us!* How are we to love God? *Jesus explained that, that this is the love of God—the greatest commandment—that we love Him with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength, with all of our being!* This is the first and greatest commandment.

- Do you do that?
That's what this four word phrase means!
- Do you love me?
Furthermore, Jesus came to reveal the Father!
- Do you love God the Father with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, with all your being?

Because **IF** you don't, what you have been told about the love of God, **that it's unconditional is completely wrong!**

What is the first word in this four letter phrase? **IF!** *You have to make a choice!*

John 14:15: "**If** you love Me, **keep the commandments**—namely, My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that it may be with you throughout the age"

Another thing you're going to learn, there's no such thing as the 'trinity.' Now. that's going to make a lot of people mad, but it's the power of God.

You need our book that we're sending out, ***The Holy Spirit, The Power of God***, a Scriptural perspective, not what men think.

So, I'll give you a little challenge right here. Read the first two or three verses in every Epistle of the Apostle Paul and you ask the question and see if you can answer it:

- Can you find any reference to the Holy Spirit as being a separate God being in a trinity? *The answer is **no!***
- How did we get to trinity in what is called Christianity today? *Because **men** brought in lies, and they want to have a trinity!*

Little do most people today ever understand is that that goes back to paganism!

"...that it may be with you throughout the age: *Even the Spirit of the Truth...*" (vs 16-17).

Will the Holy Spirit inspire something not true? **No!** It's impossible because ***it's the power of God coming from God and God cannot lie!***

Verse 17: "*Even the Spirit of the Truth, which the world cannot receive because it perceives it not, nor knows it, but you know it because it dwells with you, and shall be within you.*

Now then, that's another whole study! But you see what is happening, which is this: When you go by the Scriptures, that tells you the truth, which cuts across ***all of the presumptions and lies and false doctrines of men.***

Now notice again what Jesus said; first person to the apostles:

Verse 21: "The one who has My commandments..."

- **IF** you believe the commandments are done away, you don't have the commandments.
- **IF** you believe the Sabbath was for the Jews only, you believe the biggest lie possible

The Jews are happy to have you believe that, because they know that what you do is following paganism. But the problem is they don't know what they're doing because those who are Jews reject the true Jesus Christ and are without Christ.

Verse 21: "The one who has My commandments **and is keeping them**, that is **the one who loves Me**, and **the one who loves Me shall be loved by My Father**, and **I will love him and will manifest Myself to him.**"

How's God going to do that? **IF** you're truly seeking for God, you'll find Him. And you will begin to understand the Word of God, and **THEN** Christ will send the Holy Spirit of God to be with you so you can come to understanding and repentance so that you can be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit of God.

You can't receive the Holy Spirit of God unless you're baptized, and you cannot receive the Holy Spirit unless you are keeping the commandments of God! That's how you love God!

Verse 22: "Judas (not Iscariot)..." wanted to know, 'Lord, how are you going to do that?' So, Jesus answered it. Now listen carefully, these next two verses are some of the most important in the Bible:

- for understanding Jesus
- for understanding the Father
- for understanding what you need to do

- for understanding how you can have your mind opened to understand the Truth
- or*
- how you can have your mind closed so you won't understand it.

Verse 23: "Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me...' *Think about that!*

So you ask the question yourself:

- Do you really love God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, with all your being?
- Huh?
- Really?

"...he will keep My Word..." (v 23). *That means his whole message!*

Stop and think about this: Who was Jesus? *Jesus was God manifested in the flesh!* That's what John wrote in the very first verses of the Gospel of John.

John 1:1: "**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with the God, and the Word was God.** He was in *the* beginning with God. **All things came into being through Him,** and not even one *thing* that was created came into being without Him" (vs 1-3).

- Do you believe that?
- Do you really want to understand the Word of God?
- Do you really want to understand the mystery that we're going to show you today, that reveals what is God going to do with all of the dead?

John 14:23: "Jesus answered and said to him, '**If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father...**'"

- Do you want the love of God the Father?
- What does it say you need to do? *Keep the Word of Jesus Christ.*

That means Old Testament, New Testament!

"...and My Father..." (v 23)—*the Great Sovereign of the universe.*

Think about that! Think about how important true Christianity really is! **Because it connects you with God's Spirit to God the Father!** *Now think about that!*

"...My Father will love him, and **We...** [Christ and the Father] ...will come to Him and make Our abode with Him" (v 23).

That means that *you will have the Spirit of God from the Father*, which is *the Spirit of salvation and sonship*, combined with *the Spirit of Christ*, because there are two parts to the Holy Spirit, *which will give you the mind of Christ!* (Philip. 2:5).

Verse 24: "The one who **does not** love Me **does not keep My words**, and the Word that you hear is not Mine, but the Father's, Who sent Me."

- Do you believe that?
- Do you understand that?

Let's take a break and we will come back and then we will begin to answer the question, *the great mystery of God revealed concerning the dead.* **What is God going to do?**

(break@ 39:00)

Now let's continue on with *a great mystery of God revealed*, and let's come to the book of Revelation.

The book of Revelation is the last book in the Bible, and it's one of the most difficult to understand *unless you're doing the things that we have covered already first*; that:

- you're loving God
- you're keeping His commandments
- you're living by every Word of God

He's not going to give you understanding if you don't, but if you do, and if right now you're hearing this for the first time, set aside everything that you have been taught or think that you have been taught or that you supposed in your own mind.

Jesus wants us to know this; Revelation 1:11, where Jesus said, "**I am Alpha and Omega...**"

That's the first letter of the Greek alphabet and the last letter of the Greek alphabet. The New Testament was preserved in Greek, not in Aramaic and not in Hebrew. The Old Testament was preserved in Hebrew.

"...**the First and the Last...**" He was *before the first and brought the first*, and He's going to *bring the last!*

Same way with the Word of God. Here's what He told John.

"...and **what you see, write in a book, and send it to the churches...**" (v 11)—*the seven churches!*

Now let's come forward all the way to Rev. 20—this talks about *the return of Christ and the*

resurrection of the saints! No one has gone to heaven! Those who have died in Christ will be raised from the dead; that's what God shows.

The spirit of man that is now with God, waiting to be put into a spirit mind and spirit body is called ***the spirit of the just perfected*** (Heb. 12). It's going to be by the resurrection.

Now then, we're going to learn something very important here and very startling indeed if you've never understood it and never read it.

The first thing that's going to happen when Christ and the saints return to the earth from what the Bible shows is a great Sea of Glass. It is going to be in the atmosphere above the earth and all of the saints will be raised and come to that Sea of Glass.

You need to go online—**truthofgod.org**—and download the messages that we bring concerning Pentecost. because the day of Pentecost pictures the first resurrection and it occurs on the Day of Pentecost because all of those in the first resurrection, we will see, are the firstfruits of God.

Revelation 20:1—***first of all concerning Satan the devil:*** Then I saw an angel descending from heaven, having the key of the abyss, and a great chain in his hand. And he took hold of the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is *the Devil* and Satan, and bound him *for a thousand years*" (vs 1-2).

➤ Have you heard of the Millennium?

Satan is going to be bound. He will not be on the earth tempting and seducing people any longer for a thousand years.

Verse 3: "Then he cast him into the abyss, and locked him *up*, and sealed *the abyss* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer until the thousand years were fulfilled..." *We'll talk about that a little later!*

"...and after that it is ordained that he be loosed *for a short time*" (v 3)—*or season!*

Verse 4—the saints will be resurrected; everyone from Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, all the patriarchs, all of those in the Old Testament ***who qualified***, all will be raised along with all the saints from the Churches. Let's read it here and pay special attention to it.

Verse 4: "And I saw thrones; and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given to them; and *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and those who did not worship the beast or his image, and did not receive the mark in their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a

thousand years."

Now then, we're living in the last times and this ***mark of the beast*** is close at hand. ***So, now's the time:***

- to pay attention to the Word of God
- to make your life right with God

But notice this; pay careful attention to these words:

Verse 5: "But **the rest of the dead** did not live again until the thousand years were completed." ***That's another resurrection!***

If you live again, isn't that a resurrection? We will see that even in the Old Testament this was prophesied to be. This begins to unlock the mystery:

- What is God going to do with all the people that died?
- What about those who never committed the unpardonable sin?

The unpardonable sin is to give yourself wholly over to Satan the devil and his way. and refuse to believe God and refuse and reject the Spirit of God. We'll talk about those a little bit later. But it says:

"...**the rest of the dead** did not live again..." (v 5).

- this shows they lived one life
- this shows they're going to have another life

Let's put this together now!

"...**until the thousand years were completed**" (v 5).

Now then, for those who are raised and come to rule and reign as kings and priests, that's the first resurrection, which is what John says here in:

Verse 5: "...This is the first resurrection." ***Those that John saw receiving judgment!***

Verse 6: "Blessed and Holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection..." **What does that tell us?**

If there was only one resurrection, He would say ***the*** resurrection. But this tells us there's more than just one resurrection. Why? *Because it says* "**...the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years are completed....**"

So here it is concerning the first resurrection:

Verse 6: "**Blessed and Holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection...**" Why?

They're called "**Blessed and Holy...**" Why? ***Because they now are spirit beings with a spirit***

mind and they are the sons and daughters of God as it shows us in:

1-Corinthians 6:20: “For you were bought with a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, **which are God’s.**”

Spirit beings, because you go clear back to Gen, 1, and it says, ‘God made them male and female **in His image and after His likeness.** That is carried right on down through time. *No one can change that!*

Revelation 20:6: “...over these **the second death** has no power....”

What is the second death? We’ll talk about it here in a little bit; *the second death means you have to live twice!* Is that not true?

How can you have a second death unless you’ve already died once and come back to life and then have a second death?

“...But they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years” (v 6).

The First Resurrection

Now then, let’s talk about the resurrection, the **first** resurrection, and then we will talk about what we can call the **second** resurrection, *which takes place at the end of the thousand years!*

We will see that will include **all** who never had an opportunity for salvation. *That is the great mystery revealed!* So we’ll see that. Hang on; we’ve got a lot to learn.

After Satan is loose and there’s a final battle, and all of those who were in that battle were instantaneously executed by fire coming down from heaven from God. After that, this is at the end of the Millennium.

Verse 11: “Then I saw a Great White Throne and the One Who was sitting on it, from Whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and no place was found for them. **And I saw the dead...**” (vs 11-12)—*the rest of the dead!*

Isn’t that what John said? up here in v 5?

Verse 5: “But the rest of the dead did not live again **until** the thousand years were completed....”

Verse 12: And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God...”

That means they were resurrected! They are living. **All that have lived and died, that never had a chance for salvation!**

“...and *the* books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life...*” (v 12). *Now the Book of Life is open for them!*

As we’re going to see, they will live another life **in the flesh for their first opportunity for salvation!**

Maybe you’ve never heard of that, so hang on! **The Truth of God reveals the Truth of what God is doing!** *The traditions of men and the philosophies of men and the lies of religion can never teach you the Truth!*

“...And the dead were judged out of the things written in the books, according to their works” (v 12).

Now they have a new life, they have A NEW start all over again. Now they have **a chance for salvation, the first chance!**

This is not a second chance; don’t confuse that with a second chance. This is a first chance; but since they weren’t given the chance in their first life, **God is giving them a chance in a second life!**

- God is Love
- God is Truth
- God doesn’t want any to perish

Any that perish will be those who choose to reject God!

Let’s come back here to 1-Cor, 15 and see what Paul writes about **the first resurrection** and then this will apply to those who will be in **the second resurrection.** They will be physical again as we will see, *but they will have an opportunity for salvation, which they never had!*

1 Cor. 15:20—**Christ was the Firstborn from the dead!** Right? Yes!

Sidebar: To be born again does not mean to have an emotional experience. It means **to literally be born from flesh—from death—to spirit!** That’s what we just read in Rev. 20.

1-Corinthians 15:20: “But now Christ has been raised from *the* dead; He has become the Firstfruit of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man *came* death, by Man... [that is Christ] ...also *came* the resurrection of *the* dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive” (vs 20-22),

- How is God going to accomplish that?
- Don’t we all die in Adam?
- Doesn’t that go clear back to what God said to Adam and Eve after they sinned?

God said to Adam, ‘Dust you are and unto dust you shall return.

Does not everyone face death? *Yes!* It doesn’t matter from conception or to old age, *death is the death of the physical body!*

Verse 23: “**But each in his own order:** Christ *the* Firstfruit; then those who are Christ’s at His coming... [that’s the *first resurrection*] ...Afterward the end *comes...*” (vs 23-24).

Now we’ll have to put some other Scriptures in there to fill out *the rest of the dead.*

Verse 45: *Paul writes:* “Accordingly, it is written, ‘The first man, Adam, became a living soul...’”

That’s exactly it; that means a *living being.* But ‘the soul that sins dies.

- Did Adam sin? *Yes!*
- Did he die? *Yes!*

“...the last Adam *became* an ever-living Spirit.’ However, the spiritual *was* not first, but the natural—then the spiritual. The first man *is* of the earth—made of dust. The second Man *is* the Lord from heaven. As *is* the one made of dust, so also *are all* those who are made of dust... [every human being] ... and as *is* the heavenly *One*, so also *are all* those who are heavenly” (vs 45-48). *Those in the first resurrection!*

Remember, the first resurrection, they will all be the *sons and daughters of God the Father, resurrected to be eternal beings to start ruling the world with Christ for a thousand years!* That’s what we just read!

Paul writes, v 49: “And as we have borne the image of the *one* made of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *One.* Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery...” (vs 49-51).

The mystery revealed, and we’re going to show you *the mystery of the second resurrection revealed!*

This is going to be startling! God is going to take care of it. God is going to make sure that it will happen, because God has the power through Jesus Christ *to resurrect every human being that has ever been!*

That’s why it says in Rev. 20 that *there was no room standing before the Great White Throne! Why? Because that represents all of those who died without the true knowledge of God!*

All of those who lived out their lives under Satan the devil but did not commit the unpardonable sin; *they will be raised to a second physical life,* which we will see in just a bit.

Verse 51 *concerning the first resurrection:* “Behold, I show you a mystery: we shall not all fall asleep, but we shall all be changed, in an instant, in *the* twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for *the* trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed” (vs 51-52). *This is the first resurrection!*

The Second Resurrection

Let’s begin to focus in on *the second resurrection,* which Rev. 20 tells us.

Why do you need the Old Testament? *Ezek. 37 talks about Israel, and Israel is a type of all the other nations.* First to the Israelites and then to the rest of the nations, *because under Christ for the first resurrection they’re from all nations!*

Under Christ and all the saints, *in the second resurrection they’re of all nations of all ages, but it’s depicted by Israel first!*

Remember this, *another great Truth that you will not find in Protestantism and Catholicism:* Israel really consisted of 12 tribes and *they were never lost!*

If you don’t believe that, then get our book: *America and Britain—Two Nations That Changed the Word—Their Biblical Origin and Their Prophetic Destiny.*

This will surprise you to understand that the 12 tribes of Israel never died out, *nor were they absorbed into the tribe of Judah, the Jews!*

It’s talking about a great number of people down through history.

- Didn’t the children of Israel go astray?
- Didn’t they worship other gods?
- Were they ever given an opportunity for *spiritual salvation,* to live as a spirit being in the Kingdom of God? *No!*
- Why? *Because God shows that there is that second physical life!*

John 7—this is when Jesus was there at the Feast of Tabernacles and The Last Great Day. Here is a prophecy of Jesus concerning The Last Great Day, which is the day that we are observing today.

This is quite a thing for us to understand, because God is providing a way through this Last Great Day and prophesied by Jesus right here that it

opens salvation to everyone who had not received the opportunity for salvation.

John 7:37: “Now, in the last day... [that’s this day] ...**the great day of the Feast**, Jesus stood and called out, saying, ‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.’”

That applies to anyone! This is why there’s that second resurrection. ***So all of those who never had a chance for salvation***, as we will see in Ezek. 37 in just a bit, ***will be given salvation!***

Now that’s an amazing thing! That’s an amazing thing that God is going to do. ***This is a great mystery of God revealed in His Word and prophesied up by Jesus here in John 7!***

Verse 38: “The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.’ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, which those who believed in Him would soon receive; for *the Holy Spirit* was not yet *given* because Jesus was not yet glorified” (vs 38-39).

Jesus is showing by the Scripture that ***the Holy Spirit will be made available to those who never committed the unpardonable sin!***

Ezek. 37 becomes important to understand, and follow through on this:

Ezekiel 37:1: “The hand of the LORD was on me, and brought me by the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of a valley, and it *was* full of bones.”

Now, if there are bones, that means they lived once. There are a lot of archaeological digs that they’re doing now and they find bones.

They can tell by analyzing, was it a man or was it a woman. They can pretty well guess what the age was. But notice what Ezekiel was told to do, and this was a mystery to him until God explained it to him.

Verse 2: “And He made me walk among them all around. And behold, very many *were* in the open valley. And lo, *they were* very dry. And He said to me, ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’ And I answered, ‘O Lord GOD, You know.’” (vs 2-3).

Ezekiel didn’t know! Can the bones live again? *No!* But the ***Spirit of God is going to be given and put into a new body!*** We will see that right here.

Verse 4: “Again He said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, “O dry bones, hear the Word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, ‘Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ***you shall live!***’” (vs 4-5).

Physical life again! They lived once, now they’re going to live again in the flesh. Let’s see it.

Verse 6: “And I will lay sinews on you, and will bring up flesh on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ***you shall live....***”

For what purpose? “...***And you shall know that I am the LORD***” (v 6). ***They didn’t know that in their first life!***

Verse 7: “So, I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise. And behold, a shaking! And the bones came together, a bone to its bone. And as I watched, behold the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them above. But *there was* no breath in them” (vs 7-8).

So again, God is showing this is a physical life to fulfill the prophecy of Jesus, that if anyone comes to Him, they can find salvation. So, they will have that opportunity.

It shows there in Isa. 65 that when they’re resurrected and brought back to life, they will live about ***a hundred years.***

Then they will have an opportunity *to receive eternal salvation and become spirit beings* like all those in the first resurrection and all of those who received salvation during the Millennium.

- this is a great thing
- this is a great mystery
- this is the most profound thing in the world to understand what God is going to do

Verse 9: “And He said to me, ‘Prophesy to the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain that they may live.’””

Verse 10: “So, I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.”

Isn’t that what we read about there at The Great White Throne? ***Yes! The rest of the dead!*** This is it right here ***to a second physical life for a first opportunity for salvation!*** That is ***the great mystery that the religions of the world do not understand because they don’t believe God!***

Verse 11: And He said to me, ‘Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel....’—***all the way down through time!***

From the time that they became the children of God through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob down through all the centuries! They never were lost. We are the greatest collection of the children of Israel today ***right here in America and the Northwestern countries of Europe!***

They are the so-called ‘lost 10 tribes,’ the end-time descendants. What about all of those down through all time?

“...Behold, they say...” (v 11). *Now they have consciousness!* Now they knew they knew that they died.

“...Behold they say ‘Our bones *are* dried and our hope is lost; we ourselves are completely cut off” (v 11). *That’s what happened to them!*

Verse 12: “Therefore, prophesy and say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD... [now listen very carefully to what God says]: ...‘Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, and will bring you into the land of Israel. **And you shall know that I am the LORD...**” (vs 12-13). *They didn’t before, now they will know!*

“...when I have opened your graves, O My people, and have brought you up out of your graves. And I shall put My Spirit in you...” (vs 13-14). ***That’s conversion!***

There’s their opportunity for salvation! All of those who didn’t know, who didn’t serve God, but they hadn’t committed the unpardonable sin.

Verse 14: “And I shall put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. And **you shall know that I the LORD have spoken it and have done it.**”

Ezek. 36 talks about the same thing over here. Here’s what they’re going to do. Here’s how conversion is going to come to them.

Ezekiel 36:31: ““And you shall remember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, and shall loathe yourselves... [*repentance*] ... in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. I do not do *this* for your sake,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘be it known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.’ Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the waste *places* shall be rebuilt” (vs 31-33).

That’s what’s going to happen! They will have 100 years for a chance for salvation. How do we know this is going to be for other nations, as

well? God wants all nations, but He always starts with Israel.

Matt. 12—here we find that it comes to all nations. Those who were never called in their lifetime, those who never committed the unpardonable sin. They will be raised to a second physical life for their first opportunity for salvation. That probably includes ***all of the murdered babies that were aborted! Were they not, from conception, what they were to be?***

How far will God go? Well it’s going to be such a magnificent thing that it is mind boggling for us to contemplate how great it will be. But notice what Jesus said here:

Matthew 12:30: “The one who is not with Me is against Me, and the one who does not gather with Me scatters. Because of this, I say to you, every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven to men except the blasphemy against the *Holy Spirit...*” (vs 30-31).

That’s the complete rejection of the Holy Spirit and God the Father! That is the unpardonable sin!

“...*that* shall not be forgiven to men. And whoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this age nor in the coming *age*” (vs 31-32).

We just read about that after the thousand years, *that extra 100 years!*

Verse 33: “Either make the tree good and the fruit good, or make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt; for a tree is known by its fruit.”

Now then here’s what He says; they wanted to know a sign. ‘Give us a sign!’ So, Jesus said that ‘there won’t be a sign given to it except the sign of Jonah.’

Verse 40. “For just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, in like manner the Son of man shall be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. *The men of Nineveh...* [the Assyrians] ...shall stand up in the judgment with this generation...” (vs 40-41).—*with, together.*

That’s The Great White Throne Judgment where the *Book of Life* is open so they have an opportunity for salvation.

“...and shall condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah; and behold, a greater than Jonah *is* here. *The queen of the south* shall rise up in the judgment with this generation...” (vs 41-42).

Time span greatly separated. It shows together; this shows all human beings who have lived and died and not had an opportunity for salvation ***will be raised and given that opportunity for salvation to enter into the Kingdom of God.***

That's what the Word of God shows. This great revelation of God, ***the mystery of God*** that the world does not understand.

But notice what God says; v 42: "*The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, a greater than Solomon is here.*" *So, that's what's going to happen!*

Revelation 20:11: "Then I saw a Great White Throne and the One Who was sitting on it, from Whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, small and great..." (vs 11-12)—*of every nation, every language, down through every time span of the history of mankind!*

God is going to do a greater work than men cannot even comprehend.

Even though we read these words, we can understand them to a certain extent. But: What is the fulfillment of that going to be like?

- to undo every evil
- to forgive every sin, *except* the unpardonable sin
- to receive salvation

There it is. They were resurrected from every place in the earth and out of the sea.

Verse 12: "And I saw the dead, small and great, standing 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 the things written in the books, according to their works."

- a new life
- a new beginning
- no sins remembered
- they repent of what they did in their first life
- they receive the Holy Spirit of God

Then they enter into the Kingdom of God!

Afterward we find in Isa. 65, a hundred years, all changed. The Family of God, the whole thing concerning God is expanded greatly with what God is doing. So this is ***the mystery of God revealed:***

- by His Word

- by His Truth

Can't be understood by just thinking about it as human beings!

After that will come a new heaven and a new earth. This is where it will be.

Revelation 21:1—John writes this: "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth..."

All spiritual for all who enter into the Kingdom of God. ***Magnificent!***

"...for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea" (v 1).

Peter writes that everything is going to be melted, all the elements and there will be no need for the sea because we will be all spirit beings.

Verse 2: "And I, John, saw the Holy City, *the New Jerusalem*, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

Now notice what happens next. ***God the Father Himself comes down!***

Verse 3: "And I heard a great voice from heaven say, 'Behold, the Tabernacle of God... [which is New Jerusalem] ...*is* with men...'—*men and women made perfect through the power of the resurrection and transformation by the Holy Spirit of God!*

"...and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people; and God Himself shall be with them *and be* their God" (v 3).

That's how God is going to save the world through Jesus Christ. That's how it's going to be. ***This is the great mystery of God revealed!***

God is going to undo every work of the devil, and undo every work of man and ***give salvation to everyone who is willing to repent and come to the knowledge of the Truth and be converted!***

That is the mystery revealed!

Now let's continue on because there's still more that's coming. It's going to be fantastic and we'll see it the rest of Rev.21 & 22.

Verse 4: "And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and *there* shall not be anymore death, or sorrow, or crying; neither shall *there* be any more pain, because the former things have passed away.' And He Who sits on the Throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'" (vs 4-5).

New Jerusalem, everything, all of God's Plan, and now the whole Family of God is going to participate in it in a great and a marvelous way. And who knows what the Plan of God is going to be? *That is yet in the future!*

"...Then He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.' And He said to me, 'It is done.... [I've finished the plan] ...I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the one who thirsts, I will give freely of the fountain of the Water of Life. The one who overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son'" (vs 5-7).

That's amazing! Quite an amazing thing! Then He shows New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven, a great and beautiful, almost incomprehensible for its size and its beauty and its wonder.

So, we see this here in the rest of Rev. 21. And it lists it all. It describes it in great detail:

- about the gates
- about the wall
- about the length of the city
- about the height of the city
- about all of the precious stones
- about the twelve precious stones with the apostles' names
- about the twelve tribes of Israel's name
- about
- the twelve gates to come into this city

Verse 22: "And I saw no temple in it; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple of it. And the city has no need of the sun, or of the moon..." (vs 22-23).

It doesn't mean they aren't there, because they will be there, but it just means that they have no need, because God is here.

"...that they should shine in it; because the glory of God enlightens it, and the Light of it is the Lamb. And the nations that are saved..." (vs 23-24).

We just covered that. *All the nations, down through all time!*

Verse 24: "And the nations that are saved shall walk in its Light; and the kings of the earth... [that's all of us, we'll be kings and priests forever] ...shall bring their glory and honor into it. And its gates shall never be shut by day; for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it" (vs 24-26).

So whatever that means, we don't know exactly how that's going to be, but it's going to be spiritual, indeed! ***What a thing this is going to be!***

Verse 27: "And nothing..."

- no more sin
- no more defiling
- no more Satan the devil
- no more corruption

Verse 27: "And nothing that defiles shall ever enter into it, nor shall *anyone* who practices an abomination or *devises* a lie; but *only* those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

Now then, we have in Rev. 22 a close insight. What is it going to be like to be there? *Then we will be able to see God the Father face-to-face!*

Think about that! That also is a great mystery of God!

Revelation 22:1: "Then he showed me a pure river of *the* Water of Life, clear as crystal, flowing out from the Throne of God and of the Lamb." ***Coming right out from God!***

- eternal power
- eternal life
- eternal cleanness
- eternal righteousness

Verse 2: "*And* in the middle of *the* street, and on this side and that side of the river, *was the* Tree of Life, producing twelve *manner of* fruits, each month yielding its fruit; and the leaves of the tree *are* for *the* healing of the nations."

That means whatever it is to keep us all yielding to God and having no sin!

Verse 3: "And there shall be no more curse; and the Throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face; and His name *is* in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; for they have no need of a lamp or *the* light of *the* sun, because *the* Lord God enlightens them; and they shall reign into the ages of eternity" (vs 3-4).

- What is that going to be like?
- What is eternity going to be like?

If you see some of these pictures of the universe and the stars and the heavens and what they are now, either with a Hubble telescope or with a James Webb telescope, that helps you understand that God's Plan is:

- so great

- so mighty
- so powerful
- so loving
- so marvelous indeed

that all we can do is say, 'Yes, Lord,' and:

- bow down and worship Him
- serve Him
- love Him

through all eternity!

Verse 6: “And he said to me, ‘These words *are* faithful and true; and *the* Lord God of the Holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things that must **shortly come to pass**’”—*that is on God’s time!*

Verse 7: “Behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed *is* the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book”—and that means *the whole Bible!*

Verse 8: “Now I, John, *was* the one who saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who *was* showing me these things. But he said to me, ‘See *that you do not do this!*....’” (vs 8-9).

No angel worship, we worship God; that’s what the angel said!

“...For **I am a fellow servant of yours, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.**’ And he said to me, ‘Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book because the time is near’” (vs 9-10).

In other words, when the time to understand these words as we have now, ***that means the end is near.*** Christ is coming, and ***we will be in the Kingdom of God.***

Verse 11: “Let the one who is unrighteous be unrighteous still; and let the one who is filthy be filthy still; and let the one who is righteous be righteous still; and let the one who is Holy be Holy still.

Aren’t we called ‘blessed and Holy are those who have part in the first resurrection’? *Yes, indeed!*

Verse 12: “And behold, I am coming quickly; and My reward is with Me, to render to each one according as his work shall be.” *Those are all the good works of:*

- love
- obedience
- faithfulness
- commandment keeping

- complete yieldedness and conversion to God

Verse 13: “I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. **Blessed**... [listen] ...**are those who keep His commandments**, that they may have the right to eat of the Tree of Life, and may enter by the gates into the city.” (vs 13-14)—*that’s the blessing!*

Now, He gives another warning so that we understand that while we’re still in the flesh:

- we better not backslide
- we better not give up on God
- we better draw close to Him in prayer, study and yieldedness to Him

to have our heart and mind completely converted with His Spirit and love written in our heart and in our mind with His commandments and laws!

Verse 15: “But excluded are dogs, and sorcerers, and fornicators, and murderers, and idolaters, and everyone who loves and devises a lie.”

No more lie, because God cannot, ***it’s impossible*** for God to lie. And it will be impossible for us to lie. Now, think about that!

So notice the closing:

Verse 16: “‘I, Jesus, sent My angel to testify these things to you in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright and morning star.’ And the Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’....” (vs 16-17).

That’s what we’ll do all during the Millennium and all during The Great White Throne Judgment.

“...‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who thirsts come; and let the one who desires partake of the water of life freely. For I jointly testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book.... [that means the whole Bible] ...***that if anyone adds*** to these things, God shall add **to him the plagues** that are written in this book” (vs 17-18).

Verse 19: “And **if anyone takes away** from the words of *the* book of this prophecy, God shall **take away his part from the Book of Life**, and from the Holy City, and from the things that are written in this book.”

That’s why we need to always hold on to the words of God. Now, notice the final closing. Here’s John, he’s seen all of these things. he’s completely overwhelmed with it, just beyond able to describe it! So he says:

Verse 20: “He Who testifies these things says, **‘Surely, I am coming quickly.’** Amen. **Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be with you all.* Amen**” (vs 20-21).

So that *is the great mystery of God revealed!*

Thank you for coming to the Feast. And when you go back home, **keep all these words close in your heart and in your mind!**

NOTE: Sheet music for the ending hymn can be found on page 76 of the Hymnal or at the following website:

The Almighty God
https://www.cbcbg.org/Sheet_Music/76.pdf

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