THE MILK DOCTRINES: Resurrection from the Dead (Part 2)

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Why is the OT important?

At this point in your life, you may or may not have spent a great deal of time studying the Old Testament. The Old Testament is incredibly important when discerning the truth of the scriptures.

First of all it is by looking at the sum of God’s word on any particular topic that the truth is revealed.

Psa 119:160 (ESV) The sum of your word is truth ...

We must take multiple scriptures, two at the minimum, and together they reveal the meaning if we have the spirit of God within us.

2Pe 1:20 (CLV) “knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture at all is becoming its own explanation.”

Deu 17:6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

Mat 18:16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

When the scriptures are taught, the teacher must bring from the New and Old Testament.

Mat 13:52 (ESV) And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Another key principal to understand the Bible is how we “live by every word” that proceeds from the mouth of God. A simple explanation is that we will experience at our own appointed time everything written in the scriptures.

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Deu 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know;
that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

It is necessary to understand this principal in order to see what the Old Testament reveals about resurrection.

A key part of “living by every word” is that the elect and faithful are called the “body of Christ”. All the scriptures that refer to Christ are also referring to Christ’s body.

1Jn 4:17  Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

Act 9:5 (MKJV) And he said, Who are you, lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom you persecute. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.

In Act 9 Paul was on his way to persecute followers of Christ.

Act 9:1 (MKJV) And Saul, still breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest
Act 9:2 and asked letters from him to Damascus to the synagogues; so that if he found any of the Way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Rom 12:5  So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

1Co 12:27  Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Eph 4:12  For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

**Resurrection in the OT**

Here is Paul’s description of the process of resurrection in 1 Corinthians. Pay attention to how we first start off as a natural body and are raised a spiritual body.

1Co 15:44-47  It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47 The
first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

The Old Testament provides us with a prophecy of the things that Paul is explaining in 1 Corinthians. A prophecy is a proclamation of something to comfort, edify and exalt us in the things of God. The people in the Old Testament were not raised from the dead spiritually during their lives because they were still carnally minded. They experienced physical events that were designed by God to later explain His truths to those whose eyes He opens through Jesus Christ. He will open all of humanity’s eyes, but there is an order in which it is done as we saw in part 1 of this study.

1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Paul is writing to the mature people whose eyes have been opened in the Church of Corinth. All people will one day understand the meaning of the stories in the Old Testament, but now only those in the First resurrection living their lives unto Christ are seeing it.

This study explains the meaning of the first resurrection:


These things in the Old Testament are also called a “shadow” of the things to come. A shadow is created when an object is obstructing light. The shadow is not the object itself, but rather a rough outline of its shape. When the Old Testament was written, God had already ordained for the true resurrection to take place at the coming of Jesus Christ, so that true event cast a shadow in the words of the Old Testament. The people in the Old Testament lived in the darkness of that shadow, not able to see the light (Christ) or understand what was to come.

Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:
Col 2:17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

See also Hebrews 8:5 and 10:1.

Here is the shadow of being created a natural body.

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
Eze 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,
Eze 37:2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.
Eze 37:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

The only time you see dry human bones is when someone has died. When we are carnally minded, we are just like the Pharisees who were carnally minded and spiritually dead.

Mat 23:27 (NKJV) Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which indeed appear beautiful outside, but inside they are full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

The Lord raises dead, carnally minded men through allowing us to hear his word.

Eze 37:4 Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

When we are dead (carnally minded), we do not know God. We are dry bones, dry means without water, which is the word of God (Eph 5:26).

Ecc 9:5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

Eze 37:5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath (ach- H7307- spirit) to enter into you, and ye shall live:

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Eze 37:6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

If you recall from the first part of the study, life is to know God and Jesus Christ. You know God and Christ by hearing the words of God.

Joh 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
Rom 10:14  How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Rom 10:17  So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Heb 11:1  Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

We cannot see God carnally, but we know him spiritually because God is Spirit. This goes back to the study on faith, that we must have faith in God in order to really know him.

Here is the prophecy of spirit being given on Pentecost.

Eze 37:7-10  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 bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds (Spirit), O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Act 2:2  And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
Act 2:3  And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
Act 2:4  And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost (Spirit), and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Breathing upon the dead in Ezekiel is the same thing as the Holy Ghost (Spirit) filling the 120 followers of Christ on Pentecost in Acts 2.

Joh 20:22 (ABP+)  And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

In the ABP+ Bible, the word for "breathed" in John 20:22 is the same word used for "breath" in Ezekiel 37:9, G4151.

Joh 3:8  The wind (G4151) bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit (G4151).
Eze 37:11-14  Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. 12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. 13 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, 14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

Who is Israel?

Rom 2:28 (YLT)  For he is not a Jew who is so outwardly, neither is circumcision that which is outward in flesh;
Rom 2:29  but a Jew is he who is so inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart, in spirit, not in letter, of which the praise is not of men, but of God.

Eph 2:22 (ESV)  In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

This is Paul talking to the Philippians:

Php 3:3 (ESV)  For we are the [real] circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

What was the purpose of circumcision?

Gen 17:1-11  When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." 3 Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, 4 "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. 8 And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God." 9 And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your
offspring after you throughout their generations. 10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.

The true Israel, the true circumcision, the true Jews, they are the chosen ones of God.

Eze 36:23-27 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. 24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. 25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Paul discusses the fulfillment of this prophecy.

Rom 6:17 (ESV) But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

2Co 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

1Jn 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

God also gives his people fruit of the Spirit.

Eze 36:28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. Eze 36:29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. Eze 36:30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.
What is spiritual fruit?

Gal 5:22-25 (ESV)  But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Look at the fruit being produced to identify if they are the chosen people of God.

Mat 7:15-18 (ESV) "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.

Prophecies of Christ’s Resurrection

Hos 6:2 (ESV) After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

Hos 13:14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

Psa 16:10 (ESV) For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
Psa 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Here is the fulfillment in the NT:

1Co 15:3 (ESV) For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
1Co 15:4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

Luk 18:31 (ESV) And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.
Luk 18:32 For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon.
Luk 18:33  **And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.**

Act 2:25-33 (MKJV)  For David speaks concerning Him, "I foresaw the Lord always before me, because He is at my right hand, that I should not be moved. 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced and my tongue was glad; and also My flesh shall rest in hope, 27 because You will not leave My soul in Hades (grave), nor will You allow Your holy One to see corruption. 28 You revealed to Me the ways of life. You will fill Me with joy with Your countenance." 29 Men, brothers, it is permitted to say to you with plainness as to the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, He would raise up Christ to sit upon his throne, 31 seeing this beforehand, he spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor would His flesh see corruption, 32 **God raised up this Jesus, of which we all are witnesses.** 33 Therefore being exalted to the right of God, **and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit**, He has poured out this which you now see and hear.

We are given victory over death.

Hos 13:14 (ESV)  Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol? Shall I redeem them from Death? O Death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your sting? Compassion is hidden from my eyes.

1Co 15:53-57 (ESV)  For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "**Death is swallowed up in victory.**" 55 "O death, where is your victory? O grave, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

What happens when we are raised to life?

Joh 17:3  **And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.**

The outcome of us being brought to Life is to be as Christ is in true holiness and righteousness before God our Father. We are to live our lives henceforth to Him, and be raised from the deadness of our fleshly lives in this world.
Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.