

The Apostle's Creed

Sunday Morning Fellowship 2018

11 Questions we must ask about the phrase:
"From there he will come to judge the living and the dead"

Sunday, July 22
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

1. WHAT is the resurrection of the dead?

- The Greek word "*anastasis*" is used, meaning, "*to raise up.*" For the believer, HEAVEN is not the final blessing and destination, but the new heavens and the new earth are! In our theology, we are discussing "*glorification*" = where with the RETURN of Christ, everything is restored and perfected!

2. WHO will be raised?

- EVERYONE. Whether you're a believer or not. Some will go to everlasting damnation, others to everlasting peace (**Daniel 12:2**). For the Christian, we are all living for the return of the king!

3. WHEN will we be raised?

- When Jesus begins his return. There will be 3 distinct warning signs:
 - A cry of command, a voice of an archangel, and the sound of the trumpet of God. No one will be able to adequately say they "*missed out*" or "*didn't know*" Jesus' return was happening.

4. HOW will the dead be raised?

- Only with the return of Christ & by his presence. There is no natural cause or rational explanation for this event.

5. WHY will the dead be raised?

- Two reasons: so that *God may be glorified & God may have everlasting fellowship with his people.*

6. HOW do we know this will happen?

- Verse 15: "*by a word from the Lord*" + our God never lies (**Titus 1:2**).

7. WHAT should we do in the meantime?

- Verse 15: DECLARE
- Verse 18: ENCOURAGE
- *Are we ready & do we care enough to BE READY?*

Sunday, August 5
Revelation 20:11-15

8. WHO is the judge?

- The first 7 questions focus on Jesus' return, while the last 4 focus on WHAT he will be doing WHEN he returns. The judge is Christ. He is the only one WORTHY to be judge over all things (**Matthew 28:18; Colossians 2:9-10**).
- *The throne of God's grace is the answer to all problems.*

9. WHO will be judged?

- Everyone! Whether you believe in Christ or not, He will have everlasting dominion (**2 Thessalonians 1:8-9, Revelation 20:13**).

10. WHAT is the sentence?

- Due to our sin, we're all guilty – BUT through faith in Christ, we are represented by the greatest defense attorney: Christ, who not only defends us, but also goes on trial FOR US!
- Because of Christ, we are justified and *adopted into the family of God*, thus our names are found written in the book of life.
- Revelation ends on a high note in 2 ways: a great feast & a great identity.

11. WHAT is the time and place of the sentencing?

- Only God the Father knows the time, the place will be when we're called up into the air. It will most likely be very "dream-like"/surreal since Revelation 20 states, "*From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.*"