

# 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.*"