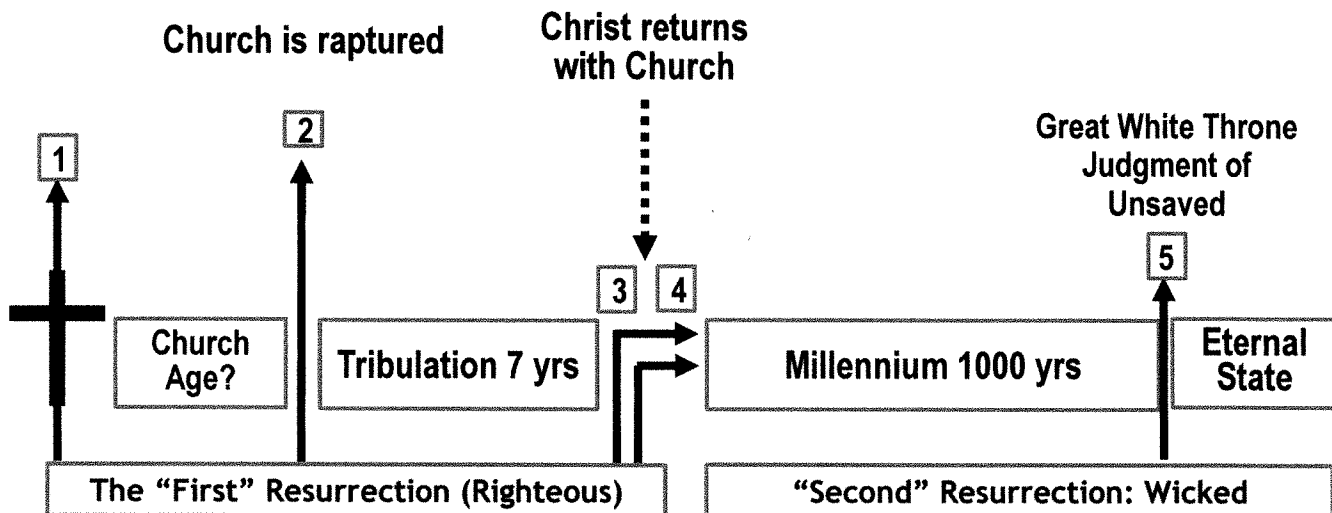


# Power From on High

**Series:** Power From On High  
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Circumstances, Part 3  
**Lesson:** 135

**Text:** Acts 24:17-22  
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## Five Resurrections



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### 1. Jesus Christ as the first fruits.

Matthew 27:51–53 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.

### 2. Church saints at the rapture.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

16 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 will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**“caught up”** [harpazo] - Acts 8:39; 2 Cor. 12:2, 4

### **3. OT saints at Christ's return.**

Daniel 12:1–2 “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. 2 “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

### **4. Tribulation saints at Christ's return.**

Revelation 20:1–3 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their 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 on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

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

6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the **first resurrection**; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. 7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison,

## **5. Unbelievers of all ages after the Millennium.**

Revelation 20:11–15 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

## **How to Stand Firm Under Pressure**

**1. A right attitude (10)**

**2 A proper approach (11-13)**

**3. A worthy goal (14-16)**

**A. Seize the opportunity to witness**

**B. Maintain a clear conscience**

**C. Continue in faithful \_\_\_\_\_.**

Galatians 6:9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

Acts 24:17 “Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings;

**True belief will prove itself in our \_\_\_\_\_.**

James 2:14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?

20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

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**Paul returned to Jerusalem with two godly priorities:**

**1. He returned to bring “alms” to his nation.**

**2. He returned to Jerusalem to “present offerings.”**

**Doing good, walking in love, and obeying God does not  
\_\_\_\_\_ us from suffering.**

18–19 in which they found me occupied in the temple, having been purified, without any crowd or uproar.

**“crowd or uproar”**

18a But there were some Jews from Asia— 19 who ought to have been present before you and to make accusation, if they should have anything against me.

20 “Or else let these men themselves tell what misdeed they found when I stood before the Council,

21 other than for this one statement which I shouted out while standing among them, ‘For the resurrection of the dead I am on trial before you today.’ ”

**Let your only offense be the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**When we live with blameless integrity, we lose all fear of  
scrutiny and that produces immense \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.**

Proverbs 28:1 The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

22. But Felix, having a more exact knowledge about the Way, put them off, saying, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will decide your case."

**"put them off"**

### **Implication**

**1. Right living does not insulate us from \_\_\_\_\_  
outcomes.**

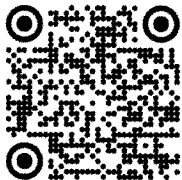
**2. Disappointment tests the \_\_\_\_\_  
of our faith.**

**3. Disappointment forces us to trust in God's \_\_\_\_\_,  
not our own.**

Do I \_\_\_\_\_ Him?

## Discussion Guide

1. Why is it biblically and historically vital to understand that every human being who has ever lived will eventually be raised and face God? How does this reality shift the urgency of how we look at evangelism and our daily interactions with the world?
2. How does knowing that God has an exact, unshakeable calendar for history help calm our anxieties when the current world around us feels chaotic or out of control?
3. Why do we so easily fall into the false assumption that if we do everything right, God will insulate us from suffering or disappointment? How do we guard our hearts against becoming bitter at God when doing the right thing still results in a "bad ending"?
4. Think about a prolonged trial, an unanswered prayer, or a "delay" you are currently experiencing. How does this challenge the core motivation of your faith? What does it look like practically to trust God's clock when it completely contradicts your personal schedule?



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**Answers:** endurance, behavior, insulate, gospel, spiritual boldness, disappointing, motivation, timing, trust