

## Out-Resurrection (Phil. 3:10-20)

- ❖ Is this a literal resurrection, out from dead ones? Or is Paul using it figuratively with regards to his walk, enduring, etc.?
- ❖ If it is a literal special resurrection, is it a prize? If not literal, what is the prize in Phil. 3:14?
- ❖ Would like to explore the idea that Paul is referring to a spiritual state of mind with re: to his walk and not a literal resurrection. Will make some points in support of this view.
- ❖ Key verse: '...being made conformable to His death.' - **this concerns the walk**.
  - **1Pe. 1:11**

### 1. Phil. 1:9

- a. Basis of our ministry and related to 2Ti. 2:15.
- b. Knowledge - epignosis - precise and accurate knowledge.
- c. Judgment - aisthesis - spiritual insight (NIV). Only here. Different forms, but same root used in **Luk. 9:45** (perceived) and **Heb. 5:14** (senses). Spiritual insight the meaning for both.
- d. Spiritual perception / insight necessary for growth and a worthy walk. Must set our 'mind / understanding" on things above, not this earth.

### 2. Phil. 1:27

- a. KJV falls short with translation of 'conversation'. Politeuomai comes from polites, which means 'citizen'. A citizen 'lives' or 'conducts' themselves within society. 1:27 should read:
  - i. DBY - Only *conduct* yourselves...
  - ii. RSV - Only let your *manner of life*...
  - iii. NLT - Above all, you must *live as citizens of heaven*...
- b. To walk worthy, must conduct ourselves in accordance to the truth of our hope and calling, in heavenly places - **Eph. 1:3**.

### 3. Phil. 3:8

- a. What were the 'all things'? Could they be those of **Phil. 3:13**, which are associated with a prize **Phil. 3:14**?
- b. Behind - opiso. Used in **Luk. 9:62**. Entrance into the kingdom of God seems to be a reward/prize, just as reigning with Christ is, 'far above all'.
- c. What did Paul want to 'forget'? Was it the fact that he was an enemy of the good news message in early Acts? He remembers this with deep gratitude - **1Ti. 1:11-16**. Or could it be the 'hope of Israel' he ministered to prior to Acts 28:28? Our hope is not on this earth or in the heavenly city of Jerusalem.
- d. Setting our 'affection' on this earth will hinder our walk.

### 4. Phil. 3:11

- a. Attain - katantao - translated 'come' 11 times and 'attain' 2 times in NT.
  - i. **Acts 16:1** - *came* - attainment of a physical location
  - ii. **1Co. 10:11** - *are come* - attainment of the 'goal of the ages', which was never fully ushered in, as the one nation, which was to be a light to all nations, failed.
  - iii. **Eph. 4:13** - *come* - attain / arrive / reach the unity of 'the' faith.
- b. *Attain* in Phil. 3:11 is something that can be 'experienced' - whether a physical place or some 'thing', ie - *power of His resurrection and fellowship of His sufferings* in his walk.

### 5. Phil. 3:10

- a. Know - ginosko. Can carry the meaning of *intimacy*. **Matt. 1:25** - *knew*
- b. What did Paul want to *know intimately*?
  - i. Christ
  - ii. Power (dunamis) of His resurrection. Used in **Eph. 1:19**.
  - iii. Fellowship of His sufferings. When did Christ receive His glory? After His sufferings. Same for body members - **2Ti. 2:10**, who endure.
- c. To know these *intimately* is to have deep *spiritual insight* (Phil. 1:9 NIV) and *knowledge* (Phil. 1:9) of the Son of God, according to the Mystery.
- d. If we endure all the evil in this world and for this truth in our walk, we will reign - **2Ti. 2:12**. The prize of Philippians.

**6. Phil. 3:10-12 a) AMP b) NLT**

- a. **10** [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope]**11** That if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body].**12** Not that I have now attained [**this ideal**], or have already been made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of (grasp) *and* make my own, that for which Christ Jesus (the Messiah) has laid hold of me *and* made me His own.
- b. **10** I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death,**11** so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! **12** I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

**7. Eph. 5:14-17**

- a. Paul wanted to be made *conformable to His death* so that we could walk circumspectly **vs. 15** (carefully, accurately), as one being *wise* **vs. 15** and *redeeming the time* **vs. 16** (making the most of the time RSV) - as though he had *awakened from a sleep* **vs. 14** and rose out from among the dead!
- b. This was addressed to those who were already *quickened*. They were quickened as believers, which seated them in heavenly places - **Eph. 2:5-6**.
- c. This *power* (dunamis) that raised Christ from the dead was what Paul wanted guiding his walk.
  - i. **Eph. 3:16** (might); **Col. 1:11** (might).
- d. This *power* (dunamis) is to *us who believe* - **Eph. 1:18-19** and it is this *power* that gave Paul deep spiritual insight (Phil. 1:9 NIV), which allowed him to *attain to* or experience as if he was risen out from dead ones, thus enabling him to endure for the prize of *reigning* with Christ.