

# Remember God's plan of salvation

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Since we see through a glass darkly (1 Corinthians 13:12), it would be foolish for us to say that we thoroughly understand all the details of God's plan of salvation.

Yet we are blessed to be able to understand some of the basics concerning God's plan for humanity.

Do you feel well grounded in some of the basics? Are you prepared to help other people understand some of those basics?

Let's review a few of those basics.

- The past resurrection of Jesus Christ is connected to a future resurrection.

**1 Corinthians 15:12**—"Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?"

- Christ is the firstfruit.

**1 Corinthians 15:20**—"But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

- Christ is the firstfruit, and then those who are Christ's at His coming.

**1 Corinthians 15:23**—"But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming."

- We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

**1 Corinthians 15:51-52**—"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

- Jesus talked about a resurrection of life and a resurrection of damnation.

**John 5:28-29**—"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have

done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”

- John wrote about a first resurrection.

Revelation 20:6—“Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”

- John wrote about a great white throne and a time of judgment.

Revelation 20:11-12—“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.”