



**Categories of Life Defined In Scripture: Resurrection Life in the Eternal Future for Believers;
1 Cor 15:52-54; Dan 12:2a; Jn 5:28-29a; 1 Cor 15:20-23**

- A. There are two categories of life associated with the human race in the eternal future:
1. **Resurrection Life for Believers.** The resurrection body is immortal and takes on the Eternal Life of believers in the First Resurrection, the first company or battalion of which is translated at the rapture of the Church:

1 Corinthians 15:52 - In a moment, in a flash, at the last trump; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead [**believers who died before the rapture**] will be raised [**ἐγείρω, egeirō: resurrection**] imperishable [**the resurrection body cannot be corrupted**], and we [**believers physically alive at the rapture**] shall be changed [**ἀλλάσσω, allassō: transformed from human to resurrection body**].

v. 53 - For this perishable [**the corrupted human body**] must put on the imperishable [**an incorruptible resurrection body**], and this mortal [**temporal life**] must put on immortality [**ἀθανασία, athanasia: i.e., Eternal Life is transferred to the immortal resurrection body**].

v. 54 - So when the perishable shall have put on the imperishable, and the mortal shall have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written [**in Isaiah 25:8**], “Physical death is swallowed up in victory.”

Prophecy of the resurrection of believers into the eternal state is the subject of several passages:

Daniel 12:2a - And the many of them [**Jews**] who sleep in the dust of the earth [**physical death**] are caused to awake [**resurrection**] some to Eternal Life [**at the Second Advent**] ...

John 5:28 - “The hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice,

v. 29 - and shall come forth [**the first and second resurrections**]; those who have done good [**expressed faith alone in Christ alone**] to the resurrection of Eternal Life ...

1 Corinthians 15:20 - But now Christ has been raised from the dead [**the Resurrection**], the first fruits [**the guarantee of future harvests**] of those who are asleep [**Church Age believers**].

v. 21 - For since by a man [**Adam**] came death [**spiritual**], by a man [**true humanity of Jesus**] also came the resurrection of the dead [**the first resurrection: the Church, Israel, & millennial saints**].

v. 22 - For as in Adam [**fallen mankind imputed Adam’s original sin at physical birth**] all die [**spiritual death**], so also in Christ [**baptism of the Holy Spirit**], all shall be made alive [**resurrection of believers**].

v. 23 - But each in his own order [**τάγμα, tagma: military metaphor for a “company”**]: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ’s at His coming [**rapture of Church Age believers and resurrection of believers from the Theocentric and Eschatological dispensations**].



Revelation 20:6 - Happy and in ultimate sanctification is the one who has a part in the first resurrection [**those issued resurrection bodies at the Second Advent**]; over these the second death [**divine sentence to punishment in the lake of fire for all unbelievers**] has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

The "first resurrection" occurs in four stages and the resurrection body of each individual involved functions under Eternal Life:

- 1- Jesus Christ, our first fruits.
- 2- The universal Church at the rapture.
- 3- Old Testament and tribulational believers at the Second Advent.
- 4- Millennial believers at the close of human history.