

ESCHATOLOGICAL ESSENTIALS 1 COR. 15:1-11, 12; 1TIM.3:16

Eschatology = last (things)

(ἔσχατος) + ology = the study of the last things

Essentials – what are they?

What is the core? What are the essentials?

Essential to being saved? Essential to the gospel / gospel story. Essential for the gospel to be good news?

1. The immortality of the soul

Soul =

- The person
- The individual
- The essence of me → who I am!

2. The resurrection of the body

Daniel 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. **Daniel 12:2** And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. **Daniel 12:3** And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, **John 5:29** And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 11:23 Jesus saith unto her, **Thy brother shall rise again.** **John 11:24** Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. **John 11:25** Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: John 11:26** And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall **never** die. Believest thou this? **John 11:27** She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

Acts 17:29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. **Acts 17:30** And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: **Acts 17:31** **Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. Acts 17:32** And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, **some** mocked: and **others** said, We will hear thee again of this matter. **Acts 17:33** So Paul departed from among them. **Acts 17:34** **Howbeit certain men** clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Most religions teach some kind of immortality:

Atheism: the extinction of you. No distinction between the body and the soul. When the body dies you end!

Pantheism: The “soul” is immortal but will eventually become part of “god” and become undifferentiated. We will be “lost in god!”

Reincarnation: lower / higher → eventually finding some sort of bliss

Greeks +++: immortality of the soul in a shadowy place. The body is the prison house of the soul