

D1: God's Transformation of Man: *The States and Events in a Believer's Life - Part 2*

I. *Review from Part 1*

- The UNREGENERATE man - unmixed, sinful condition from birth, apart from Christ
- The REGENERATION event - one-time events accomplished by God in the gospel
- The REGENERATE man - mixed condition, residual sin coexists with regeneration

II. *THE HEAVENLY MAN*

With Christ; Unmixed, sinless condition; Made Righteous

1 Cor 15:50-57

- an imperishable body

- an immortal body

The unmixed condition of the heavenly man is characterized by:

At home with the Lord: 2Cor 5:8

Resembles Jesus: 1John 3:2

Is seen for what he really is in Christ: Col 3:4.

Blameless and full of joy: Jude 24

No death or sadness: Rev 21:4

No curse or night: Rev 22:3,5

III. THE DEATH and RESURRECTION / RAPTURE EVENTS

DEATH - departing from the land of the dying and going home

Disintegration of inner from outer: 2Cor 5:1,8

Safe journey home: 2Tim 4:18

Unseparated from Jesus: Rom 8:38-39

The believer is still alive: John 11:25-26

Often called "sleep": 1Thes 4:13

Precious to God: Ps 116:15

Gain for the believer: Phil 1:21

RAPTURE - transformation of the living into the resurrected body

Bypass death to be with Jesus: 1Thes 4:16-17

Instantaneous physical transformation: 1Cor 15:51-52

RESURRECTION - integration of perfect inner man and glorified body

New physical glorified body: 1Cor 15:42-48

Dead in Christ first, then raptured saints: 1Thes 4:15

IV. OBSERVATIONS

The Christian today is no longer in the unmixed sinful condition of the old man

The Christian today is not yet in an unmixed sinless condition with Christ

The Christian's POSITION before God is PERFECT, but his PRACTICE is PROGRESSING