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Dear Associates and Friends,

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As I write this Newsletter, Ramona Martin, President of ASK, is still in the hospital waiting for placement at a skilled nursing facility. Please continue to pray that she recovers her strength. She wants to return doing the work she enjoys overseeing the work of ASK: communicating with ASK people, processing mail, maintaining accounts, ordering books from our on-demand printer — all important to ASK operations. Email Ramona at askoffice@askelm.com.

This month's article is "[Your Resurrection](#)" that I expanded from my 2009 article. I hope it will give comfort to us who are aging, ailing, or know those who suffer with health difficulties.

Below I present what will happen after death to those who do not know about Christ, His work, His crucifixion, and His resurrection. Of the billions of people since Adam (those who have lived, are living now, and will live) the vast majority do not know what you understand and confess.

These many billions will be taught by God what YOU know now. Our Father will share His knowledge to everyone in due time. Those who responded and rejected the Gospel, they will be resurrected to judgment. God will complete His work within them also. It is God's will to save every human being (1 Timothy 2:4-6) and He shall fulfill His will (Ephesians 1:11). We have been blessed to know God's will before others:

"Wherein HE [God] has abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of HIS WILL, according to His good pleasure which HE has purposed in HIMSELF: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times HE might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him ..."

• *Ephesians 1:8-10*

What Will Unbelievers And Reprobates Experience In Judgment?

Paul wrote in Hebrews 9:27: "... **it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.**" The Greek is better rendered "**a judging,**" without the definite article. This should not be a surprise because Jesus spoke many times about a judgment to come for unrepentant sinners and especially those who commit horrific crimes and evils.

"Reprobates" are those who reject the truths of God after He opened their heart and mind to receive that truth. They will learn again to love God (Hebrews 10:26-31). See my article on this subject, "[Losing Your Salvation](#)." Note what Paul said in his defense before Felix, the Roman procurator of Judea, about these physical resurrections:

"But this I confess unto you, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets [next comes the important statement regarding resurrection]:

And [I] have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, both OF THE JUST AND UNJUST.

And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence [stumbling block] toward God, and toward men."

• *Acts 24:14-16*

God presented a vision to the prophet Ezekiel of the process of reversing death and raising physical mortal

bodies back to life. This is documented step-by-step in Ezekiel 37:1–14. A similar process will occur for each dead human being (billions of them) Israelite or Gentile, ALL unbelievers when they died:

1. Dust will gather.
2. Bones will form from the dust.
3. The bones will begin to connect.

[In Ezekiel’s vision the process begins with dry bones as a “**spirit**” operates to remake each dead human being.¹]
4. YHWH declares that a “**spirit**” will operate upon the body (Ezekiel 37:5).
5. A physical body begins to take shape.
6. Flesh will form around the body.
7. Skin will cover the body.
8. Then the “**spirit**” [the “**spirit of man**”] will enter the body (Ezekiel 37:5).
9. That living soul, that individual, will come alive again, complete with memories up to the last conscious moment before death.

That individual will go before the Great White Throne of God for judgment (Revelation 20:11–13). Not one of them, whether Israelite or Gentile, will receive immortal bodies until they learn, live, repent, and accept our Father as God, and Christ as their Savior. When people find themselves miraculously alive again, physical again, and healthy again, **they will pay attention** to God’s message and judgments. God will open their minds to receive His truth. Every individual will be sinless. Why? Because they will have paid the price of sin with their death (Ezekiel 18:4, 20). Paul tells us that every human being was born a slave to sin:

“For when you [Roman Gentiles] were the servants [slaves, in Greek] of sin, you were free from righteousness. What fruit had you then in those things whereof you are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, you have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting [eonian] life. For the wages [rations] of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal [eonian] life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

• **Romans 6:20–23**

Note the last sentence, verse 23. Slaves do not receive “**wages**” (King James Version). Slaves receive rations. For all people, all sinners, that “**ration**” is death. Once dead they no longer are in slavery to sin and free from sin in God’s eyes. Once resurrected to mortal life, they will sin (“miss the mark”) again, and require God’s grace through Christ. Just as you continue to sin after you learned God’s truths, these resurrected mortal humans will also sin as they learn God’s truths.

Thank You

God has blessed us believers with a great gift ... to learn the truths about God and Christ, and the *evangel*, the Good News, that salvation of every human being from Adam until the end of the eons comes through the actions of Jesus Christ who was raised from the dead.. ASK exists to tell God’s truths from the Bible, His written Word, as plainly as we are able. Thank you for your support.

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¹ For non-Israelites and Gentiles who have turned to dust the “rebuilding” process must begin with the dust, as it began with Adam. Genesis 3:19:

“In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread, till you return unto the ground; for out of it were you taken: for dust you are, and unto dust shall you return.”

Most bodies will turn to dust.