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**I want to begin this morning with what we have learned thus far from the Word of God about the return or "second coming of Christ".**

Remember from Matthew 13, (the parable of wheat and tares, and Jesus' explanation of the parable to His apostles), that both the righteous and the wicked will live together (in the world) until the harvest, which (as written in Matthew 13:39) IS the end of the world.

ON THAT LAST DAY, God will send His angels (who are the reapers) to gather up both the wheat and tares.

The wicked will be cast into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth, and the righteous will be ushered into the eternal Kingdom of God. Matthew 13:43:  
"Who hath ears to hear, let him hear".

Read ~ Matthew 25:31-32

In this passage, "When Christ comes" all humanity is gathered to His throne (where they are separated from each other like the wheat and tares, but HERE the sheep are separated from the goats), and then, they are judged according to their works. The sheep are ushered into heaven, and the goats are cast into everlasting fire.

Matthew 13:47-50

We added Revelation 14:14-20, which corresponds with the harvest of Matthew 13. The Son of Man reaps or gathers the wheat, the angels reap or gather the grapes to be "cast into the great winepress of the wrath of God". And then: 2  
Thessalonians 1:7-10:

"When the Lord Jesus SHALL BE REVEALED FROM HEAVEN with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power; when He shall come to be glorified in His saints."  
This corresponds with Revelation 14:14-20, Matthew 25:31-46!

On that day when Christ returns, it will be the end of the world, on that day, Christ will separate the wheat from the tares, the sheep from the goats, the good will be gathered and the bad cast away; Christ will reap His own believing people, but the wicked will be cast into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

**When Jesus came into the world the first time, He did not come to condemn sinners, but to save them! John 3:17**

But when Jesus comes the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, the day of God's grace and salvation will forever be passed! It will be a day of

vengeance and punishment for the wicked, God's longsuffering and patience will be no more!  
Revelation 6:12-17 teaches us that on that day, the wicked will try to run and hide from the wrath of the Lamb!

Revelation 1:7

Christ's return will be sudden and terrifying to the wicked, but it will be anticipated and welcomed by the righteous who are looking for Him to come and waiting for His return!

**We then learned on "THE DAY" when Christ returns it will be VERY LOUD, NOISY, and it will be a catastrophic day! 2 Peter 3:10-12**

On "THAT DAY", the Lord Jesus shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and then, this current heavens and earth will pass away and be burned up by the fire of God. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 11:12, Psalm 47:5, Acts 1:9-11, 1 Corinthians 15:52, Revelation 8:1-2, 11:14

**And then, when the Lord Jesus returns, it will be the last day!**

The Lord Jesus identified "the last day" TO ALSO be the day when He will raise or resurrect and receive into heaven all who were given to Him from the Father to save. John 6:39-40, 44, 54, 11:24-26, 12:48

But in addition to the righteous being physically resurrected on the last day, the wicked will be resurrected and summoned to the judgment of the great day!

There are not multiple resurrections of the physically dead, there is ONE general physical resurrection of ALL HUMANITY, of both the righteous and wicked, which will happen on "the last day".

Daniel 12:1-3, John 5:28-29, Acts 24:15, 1

Thessalonians 4:16, 1 Corinthians 15:52, Revelation 20:12-13

But there is another resurrection of the dead spoken of in the scriptures, it is called "The First Resurrection".

Revelation 20:6

Notice that "The Second Death" has no power or authority over all those who have taken part in "The First Resurrection".

The Second Death happens after the judgment of the great day, this is when the wicked are forever cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:14-15

Understand here that it gets worse for the wicked dead in Hades, for they have not yet come to the judgment of the great day!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> death brings into focus that the first resurrection IS THE NEW BIRTH and SALVATION. The 1<sup>st</sup> Resurrection speaks of those who have been resurrected from spiritual death to spiritual life!

So, child of God, "The Second Death" has no power over you because you have part (or share) in "The First Resurrection", in Christ, you have been raised to eternal life, resurrected spiritually. Romans 5:12, 15-19

John 5:24-29: The First (spiritual) Resurrection and the Second (physical) Resurrection. John 11:24-26,

Revelation 2:11

Luke 15:24,32, Ephesians 2:1,5-6, Colossians 2:13, 3:1-3, 1 John 3:14

If you are born-again, you have taken part, or you presently partake or share in "The First Resurrection", the second death has no power over you, but if you're not saved, you are dead in your sins, and the second death still has power over you.

And then remember this, when you believed in Christ when God saved you from your sins, you possessed eternal life from that time.

Don't forget what Christ said in Matthew 24: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be". 2 Peter 3:3-7

When Christ returns, it will be the end of the world, there will be a mass resurrection of every human that ever lived or is living, and it will be the judgment of the great day. Christ will separate the righteous from among the wicked... the righteous will be received into heaven, but the wicked will be cast into outer darkness! Who hath ears, let them hear!