

Individual Eschatology

I believe that physical death is the temporary separation of the material and immaterial parts of the person (Matt. 10:28), the righteous are ushered immediately into the intermediate state in the presence of the Lord (Lk. 23:43), while the unrighteous enter their intermediate state, Hades, a place of punishment and torment (Lk. 16:19-31; 2 Pet. 2:9). The intermediate state is a temporary, conscious existence for all who die as they await bodily resurrection, the righteous will receive their glorified, physical bodies (Rom. 5:2; Rom. 8:10-11), while the unrighteous will receive eternal punishment and separation from God (Jn. 5:28-29; Rev. 20:11-15).

General Eschatology

I believe at an undetermined point in the future (Matt. 24:36), the Lord Jesus Christ will return and rapture His people, the dead first, and then those still alive, to be with Him forever (Jn. 14:3; 1 Thess. 4:13-18). At the rapture, the righteous will receive their reward for their service in Christ's name upon the earth (1 Cor. 4:5). Following the rapture, the seven year tribulation will begin (Dan. 9:27), a period of time where God pours out His wrath against the unbelieving world (Rev. 6:15-17). The tribulation will also be a time when Satan will violently persecute Israel, and deceive the nations (Rev. 12:12-17; 2 Thess. 2:3).

I believe that at the end of the seven year tribulation period, Jesus Christ will return physically (Acts 1:11) to the earth in triumphant glory (Rev. 19:11-16) with the host of Heaven (Rev. 19:14) to defeat the Antichrist and those who serve him (Rev.

19:17-21), to bind Satan for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3) and to establish His kingdom upon the earth (Rev. 20:4). This thousand year period, known as the millennium, will be a time of peace, justice, blessing and righteousness where God will fulfill His covenant promises to Israel (Ezek. 36:22-32) and Christ will rule and reign from His throne in Jerusalem (Is. 2:2-4). At the end of the millennium, Satan will be released for a brief and final time (Rev. 20:7). At this time, Satan will once again deceive the nations, gathering many together to make war against Christ and His servants at Jerusalem (Rev. 20:7-9). Christ will destroy them, throwing Satan into lake of fire, and bodily resurrecting the wicked to stand judgment at the Great White Throne, whereby Christ will cast them into the lake of fire, where they will dwell completely separated from God and suffering eternal, conscious punishment (Rev. 20:10-15).

I believe Christ having thus dealt with Satan, sin and death will deliver the Kingdom to the Father (1 Cor. 15:24-28) who will then replace the subjected creation (Rom. 8:20; 2 Pet. 3:10) with a new heaven and a new earth where those redeemed by the blood of the Lamb will live physical, eternal lives in His presence, giving Him praise (2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21-22:5)!

30/30 This was the easiest to read and understand doctrinal statement that I have read on this topic in a while. Good job!