

Lively Hope

(Sermon Notes)

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The word resurrection means to live again. The concept of a resurrection is not a reality to most people in today's secular world. And that should not be surprising to us because the Sadducees of Jesus' day did not believe in the resurrection either.

Acts 23:8 The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection.

Today, the concept of resurrections it is not even understood widely. To my surprise, I discovered recently that even Evangelists in God's Church and the brethren are often quite confused about the nature and order of the revealed Biblical resurrections.

Specific Purpose Statement: It is the purpose of this sermon to bring some clarity to this subject of the resurrections. Let's see what the Bible tells us about the various resurrections and the timing of various resurrections.

The Bible clearly reveals that there are three resurrections - and the Scriptures show unmistakably who is in each one. The first two resurrections are numbered as such. The third classification is only to a short temporary physical life for the purpose of seeing the Kingdom **afar off** before facing the second death which is eternal death reserved for the incorrigibly evil.

Luke 16:23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and sees Abraham **afar off**, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luke13:28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

I began this week's Countdown with the **date** of the Feast of Trumpets.

There are 7 to 8 billion people on earth right now – and who knows how many have preceded us. Picture all the major cities and nations around the earth... It is hard to imagine them all being **dead** – but it is about to happen! The time of Jacob's trouble is about to descend upon us all.

The **Feast of Trumpets** pictures the return of Jesus Christ in great power to put down all the rebellion of the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, which will be gathered together to make war against Him (Revelation 19:19).

Did you ever stop to calculate how many people now on earth will have died by the time the Feast of Trumpets will have seen its fulfillment in the Plan of God? Jesus Christ tells us that in a very short while there will be only a miniscule number of people left alive on this earth.

Mark 13:20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, **no flesh** should be saved [**alive**]: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

Nearly everyone who is alive on earth at this moment **will perish**, including a great many Christians who will die in the Great Tribulation.

The great majority of those who will die in the final carnage have an entirely incorrect notion of the afterlife. Their expectations range from, "When you die, it's all over," to heaven or hell as their final reward. We know the truth of the matter. The hope of Christians is eternal life as Jesus described it to the Jews of His day.

John 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

John 6:54 Whoso eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, hath **eternal life**; and I will **raise him up** at the last day.

Jesus will save **alive** a very small portion of the earth's population.

They will be **the pioneers** in a brave new world almost totally void of human life.

They will keep the Sabbath, the land rests and the jubilee years and they will go up to keep the Feasts of the Lord, including the Feast of Tabernacles year by year.

Zechariah 14:16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the **Feast of Tabernacles**.

Zechariah 14:17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

It is going to be a glorious new day. We, as resurrected saints, reigning and ruling with Jesus Christ for a thousand years – **using the fruits of the Spirit and the Godly character we have developed** - to teach others, "This is the way – walk ye in it."

Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

But what about the 10 or 20 billion who have died – going all the way back to Adam and Eve, will they ever live again?

Brethren, we accept in faith the concept of the resurrections. While in fact there have been very few people who have ever been resurrected.

Those are Biblical examples of special resurrections. I can only recall a few. Jesus, certainly! Christ's resurrection is the **hope** of the dead.

Then there was Lazarus, the daughter of Jairus, and the son of the widow of Nain. For special purposes, God resurrected some to temporary physical life to show His glory and His power over death:

Luke 7:11 And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

Luke 7:12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

Luke 7:13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

Luke 7:14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

Luke 7:15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

Luke 7:16 And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

Another good example: The graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection." (Matthew 27:52-53)

I cannot think of any others... Jesus raised Lazarus and those others to physical life. He simply extended his physical life for a time – to attest to the fact that He was the prophesied Messiah. Everybody else who has ever lived, and practically everyone living, now are destined to be dead and stay dead – except for one thing. While Lazarus was still dead, Jesus had this conversation with his sister Martha:

John 11:23 Jesus said unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

John 11:24 Martha said unto Him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Martha understood a great deal!

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:

Jesus resurrected is our **Lively Hope**.

John 11:26 And whosoever **lives** and **believeth in me** shall never die.

If we are not **living** our Christian Godliness we will not pass to life. Jesus Christ was speaking of the first and better resurrection of the qualified Christian saints. The question we should be asking ourselves is, "Which resurrection will I be a part of?" It is God the Father's will that everyone who sees and believes Jesus Christ may have everlasting life. The evidence of that belief in Jesus is how we **live** our lives now. Speaking of the resurrection, Jesus said:

John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which sees the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will **raise him up** at the last day.

There will be a resurrection to immortal spiritual life of all those called, chosen, and faithful saints who have ever lived, at Christ's return – this is the **first** resurrection (Revelation 17:14).

Jesus Christ is a **quickening spirit**. (1Corinthians 15:45)

That means He is able to **make alive again** – as He so aptly demonstrated a few times in His public ministry.

There is a picture of our death and resurrection in Romans 6:

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was **raised up** from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death [baptism], we shall be also in the **likeness of His resurrection**:

The word "Hope" means 'anticipation' and 'expectation.' Most people that have lived down through the ages have no concept of what Jesus stood for, let alone the concept that He is the resurrection and the life.

Luke 20:27 Then came to him certain of the Sadducees, which deny that there is any resurrection; and they asked him,

Luke 20:28 Saying, Master, Moses wrote unto us, If any man's brother die, having a wife, and he die without children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

Luke 20:29 There were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died without children.

Luke 20:30 And the second took her to wife, and he died childless.

Luke 20:31 And the third took her; and in like manner the seven also: and they left no children, and died.

Luke 20:32 Last of all the woman died also.

Luke 20:33 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife.

What the Sadducees were saying to Jesus is that things get so jumbled up in this life – there's no way they could ever be straightened out in a resurrected world. But Jesus' answer **affirms** the **resurrection**.

Luke 20:34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:

Luke 20:35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the **resurrection** from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:

Luke 20:36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

Luke 20:37 Now that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he called the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob (Exodus 3:16).

Luke 20:38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.

Luke 20:39 Then certain of the **scribes** answering said, Master, thou hast well said.

Matthew 22:33 And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.

Peter referred to the resurrection of the saints as our **viable** expectation or “**Lively Hope**.” Peter helps greatly to expand this concept of our **hope, anticipation** and **expectation** of our resurrection. The **title** of today’s sermon comes from this verse:

1Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a “**lively hope**” by the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Peter 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you, [it is nothing less than everlasting, eternal life.]

1Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and **hope to the end** for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

This is all about the resurrection.

1Peter 1:21 Who by him do believe in God, that **raised Him up** from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and **hope** might be in God.

1Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the **hope that is in you** with meekness and fear:

John tells us how to go about it:

1John 3:3 And every man that hath this **hope** in him purifies himself, even as He is pure.

Brethren, I would like to review with you what I think are the most powerful verses in the entire Bible. This describes the resurrection of Jesus Christ: I was fired and disfellowshipped from Worldwide for teaching this truth. And I was fired and disfellowshipped by those who now claim to believe this truth. Let me set the stage:

Jesus was dead in His grave – He had been dead for three days and three nights. Everything He ever was, everything He ever knew – it was all gone – His thoughts had perished. His dead mind was a clean slate – completely wiped out. God the Father was all alone for the first time ever! God the Father performed the most **powerful** act ever. Let’s read about it here:

Ephesians 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory...

This is about our resurrection...

Ephesians 1:18 ... that ye may know what is the **hope** of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Now picture this:

God the Father not only restored Jesus' **spiritual life** – as incomprehensible as that is to us, but God the Father restored all the memory, history, and **power** that Christ possessed when He created the Universe and the angelic world. Jesus was resurrected to eternal life by the **exceedingly** great power of the Father. Jesus was reconstituted to full **God-ship** as though He had never laid it side to be made in the likeness of men: (Philippians 2:6-7)

John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self **with the glory** which I had with thee before the world was.

Ephesians 1:19 And what is the exceeding **greatness of His power** to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His **mighty power**,

Ephesians 1:20 Which he showed forth in Christ, when **He raised Him** from the **dead**, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places,

Ephesians 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that **which is to come**:

Ephesians 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the Church,

Ephesians 1:23 Which is his body, the fullness of him that fills all in all.

That is what the **resurrection** is about – with its future ramifications...

And, there is good news for all men on earth. Those who have not been called by God have not lost their opportunity for salvation. At the end of the one thousand year millennium rule of Christ, there will be a **second** resurrection for those who have lived throughout the ages, and who have never had the opportunity to see and believe Jesus Christ (John 6:40).

The Second Resurrection is to a fleshly **physical** life, for those people never "called" by God. That resurrection will be during the Great White Throne Judgment period. In this second resurrection, all will be called to salvation and spiritual birth into the Kingdom of God.

Then, there is a third general category that befalls the incorrigibly evil ones who reject and rebel against God. The **third** resurrection, also to physical life, is for those who were once converted, had God's Holy Spirit, but were not faithful to the end.

Their judgment is death in the lake of fire – the resurrection of damnation. The Bible shows that there are resurrections to fleshly physical life, and to spiritual immortal everlasting Life. Those resurrections occur in their own order.

John 5:21 For as the Father raises up the dead, and quickens them; even so the Son quickens whom he will.

John 5:22 For the Father judges no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

John 5:23 That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honors not the Son honors not the Father which hath sent him.

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears my word, and believeth on Him [God the Father] that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

John 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

John 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

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,

What happens to those who are not in the **first** resurrection?

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 judgment**.

Those two resurrections are at least a thousand years apart – and for some as much as 6000 years apart.

Righteous Abel will be in the **first** resurrection – but his brothers and sisters will be in the **second** resurrection at the end of the millennium.

Acts 24:15 ... there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

The First Resurrection is to spiritual immortal Life. It pertains to Jesus Christ and the saints.

The Better Resurrection

The Bible teaches that there will be more than one resurrection from the dead. These resurrections occur at different points in time, and encompass different groups of people. The Book of Revelation makes clear the time frame of each resurrection. Notice what John records in:

Revelation 20:6: "Blessed and holy is he who has part in the **first resurrection**. On such the **second death** has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

The **second death** is eternal death reserved for the incorrigibly evil.

The first resurrection is a resurrection to immortality, and occurs before the Millennium—the 1,000-year reign of Christ and the saints on Earth.

The Apostle Paul said, "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" (1 Corinthians 15:52-53).

In Revelation 11:15 we read: "Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven saying, The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

The seventh and final trumpet signals the return of Jesus Christ, and the resurrection of the righteous dead.

Paul explained this in 1 Thessalonians 4:16: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first."

In the following verses, he explained that Christians still living at the time of Christ's return would also be changed to immortality, and would rise up to meet Christ with the resurrected saints.

This first resurrection is the "**better resurrection**" to glory and immortality, and consists only of those who are Christ's at the time of His Second Coming (1 Corinthians 15:23). (Hebrews 11:35)

This is the resurrection of Resurrected Jesus Christ (the firstfruits of that resurrection) and it is the resurrection to which we wish to realize.

When Christ was raised from the dead by God the Father after three days and three nights in the tomb, He became the **firstfruits** of those that sleep (1 Corinthians 15:20).

Jesus made an incredible promise to those who live Christian and Godly lives: He gave His word when He said:

John 14:19 ... **because I live, you shall live also**.

But that only applies to the tiniest minority of human beings today. Even those who populate the World Tomorrow – ruled by Jesus Christ – will **have to be tested** as we are being tested now.

Revelation 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.

The small remnant that lives through the Tribulation will be mortal. They will repopulate the earth during the Millennium – not being tempted by Satan. As the face of the earth is being renewed again, the population increase during the Millennium will be massive, almost incomprehensible. All those **who** are born during the Millennium will enjoy the blessings of Christ's reign on the earth.

They will not have Satan's influence distressing them, but they will still be born with a **sinful human nature**, and they will have to eventually be tested as we are being tested. Just as we are being judged now – they too will be judged.

1Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Even with God's Spirit (Joel 2:28) those in the millennium will have to fight against and overcome their **deep-seated sinful nature** inherent in all of us.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Jeremiah 17:10 I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

That is why Satan must be released a little while at the end of the millennium before he is cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet will be.

The Second Resurrection

Revelation 20:5 makes plain that the rest of the dead—those who were not in the first resurrection—do not live again **until** the conclusion of the millennial reign of Christ and the saints.

Revelation goes on to describe a vast array of people who will, at that time, be restored to life and stand before God in judgment.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

The Book of Life will not yet be complete. Others will have their opportunity to be recorded in the Book of Life. Jesus spoke of a resurrection to judgment, at which the people of ancient gentile cities would stand alongside many of the Jews of His day (Matthew 12:41-42).

He also said that many of those ancient peoples would have repented if they had seen His works and heard His message (Matthew 11:21-23).

2Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Even ancient Israel that went into captivity for Sabbath breaking and idolatry will have their opportunity for salvation.

Romans 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

We always read about the prophet Ezekiel on the Last Great Day, and he saw **the future** with the valley full of dry bones, and he was told that it represented the **entire house of Israel**.

He saw those bones miraculously come together with flesh and then breath entered into them and they will live again once more.

God's message was: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves and bring you into the land of Israel.

Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves" (Ezekiel 37:12-13).

The purpose of the second resurrection is for all people to be able **to know God**, be converted and go on to salvation.

All who have ever lived throughout history, not having been partakers of God's Holy Spirit, or tasting the good word of God, will be resurrected back to their physical lives in order to go through the conversion process: Ezekiel said:

Ezekiel 37:10 I prophesied as [God] commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. [Specifically Israel – but it includes all nations.]

Ezekiel 37:13-14 ...You shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, and shall put my Spirit in you, and ye shall live.

At this future event, which will occur 1,000 years after Christ's return, human beings will be restored to physical life and be able to truly know God. This will be the first opportunity for billions who were previously never made aware of God's plan and purpose in this age. This will be a future period of judgment for the vast majority of mankind.

Isaiah 65:20 shows that this restoration to physical life can continue for 100 years.

During this time, spiritual blindness will be removed, the Book of Life will be opened, and the resurrected dead will be judged out of the books of the Bible, based on what they do with the opportunity that they then have. Then there is a:

Third Resurrection

It is not a pretty thing. It is the time when God will finally close the books on all the ages since creation. By the time we come to the final judgment, all humanity will have been restored to physical life and given the opportunity to learn the truth of God. What about those who continue to be incorrigibly rebellious against God and His perfect way? What happens to those who have knowingly rejected God's salvation?

Peter spoke of them in 2 Peter 2:21: "For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them."

The Apostle Paul explained:

Hebrews 6:4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit,

Hebrews 6:5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

Hebrews 6:6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

Paul continues with this thought:

Hebrews 10:26-27 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

This last judgment of God is spoken of in:

Malachi 4:1: For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the **proud**, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up,' says the Lord of hosts, 'that will leave them neither root nor branch.

The fire described in Scripture is designed to destroy the wicked, not to torture them forever.

Revelation 20:15 describes the timing of this future destruction of the **irredeemably** wicked.

Finally, at the conclusion of the judgment period, when those who were previously blinded have been able to have their names written in the Book of Life, those whose names are **not found** in the Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire with like-company, – Satan, the demons, the false prophet and the beast.

Those who have rejected their chance for salvation will be raised back to life to experience the second death. In the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, Jesus described one who will awaken in the grave ('*hades*'), not to glory or to an opportunity for salvation, but rather to face God's fiery wrath advancing toward him.

Luke 16:23 And in the grave ('*hades*') he lifts up his eyes, being in torment, and sees Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

That is when the **weeping** and **gnashing** of teeth takes place – because the incorrigibly evil will **fully realize** what they have rejected and missed out on: the glorious, eternal Kingdom of God.

Luke 13:28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

At that point, all human beings whose names have not been written in the Book of Life will perish. We, the saints, are to be a part of the first resurrection: "Every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." (1Corinthians 15:23)

If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." (1 Thessalonians 4:14)

Those saints, who have died in the faith, will be in the first resurrection:

For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

The prophets of old, who had God's Holy Spirit, will also be a part of the first resurrection: "...ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God." (Luke 13:28)

For those saints still living at the time of Christ's return there will be a unique special resurrection.

They will not have to **taste death**, because: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (1 Thessalonians 4:17)

At the first resurrection, the saints become divine, eternal, spirit born children of God, priests of God, ruling with Jesus Christ throughout the millennium.

They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. This is the first resurrection." (Revelation 20:4-5)

The conclusion is this – the saints are being judged now, and the rest of the world will be judged later in the second resurrection: For most of mankind who have ever lived, that will be their opportunity for salvation:

All flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Luke 3:6)

It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." (Joel 2:28)

Those people, who were called of God, baptized, and received God's Holy Spirit, will not be in the second resurrection. If they were called, chosen, and faithful, they will be in the **first** resurrection – if they were unfaithful, they will be in the **third** resurrection.

Again, the Third Resurrection is to fleshly physical life at the time of the Great White Throne Judgment. It differs from the second resurrection in that those in the third resurrection **were once converted**, had God's Holy Spirit, but were **not** faithful to the end.

For them there will be no resurrection to spiritual life. There is no second chance. They have blasphemed God's Holy Spirit as we saw in (Hebrews 6:4-6) They will go into the lake of fire – the second death: (Revelation 20:14)

Then shall [Jesus] say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matthew 25:41)

There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out." (Luke 13:28)

Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:15)
Let's close with:

Matthew 25:46 These shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into **life eternal**.

End: Lively Hope