

## Theology Simply Explained — WSC38 “Glorious and Joyous End”

**Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 38—especially explaining how at the resurrection, the Lord brings us to our chief end of glorifying and enjoying Him.**

Q38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection? ***At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.***

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Our shorter Catechism question this week is number 38. What benefits do Believers receive from Christ at the resurrection? The answer is at the resurrection Believers being raised up in glory. Shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment. And made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God.

To all eternity. So, Believers at the resurrection, get Resurrection. Relationship. Righteousness. And rejoicing. You get Resurrection, not resuscitation like we had in. Yesterday's passage in Matthew where the girl was raised up but she wasn't raised up with a glorious body. That would have been shocking, indeed. Uh, the resurrection will be raised up in glory.

This is greater than any resuscitation, it is the great and ultimate physical healing. Uh, when the Lord does heal, as he will physically heal every Christian, But the the physical healing that is guaranteed to us. Is one of such greatness that includes a changing of the very nature. Of our bodies.

So raised up in glory. Resurrection shall be openly acknowledged God will own us as his own. He will not just as Jesus is not ashamed to call us Brethren. God will not be ashamed or shrink from calling us his children his own Covenant people. Um, for by, then remember at death, we're made perfect in Holiness and then when we are raised up in glory, God will display who his children are.

And, This is what Romans 8 talks about. Uh, when it talks about the revealing of the sons of God, At that part of our Um, Adoption. Uh, that is the Redemption of our bodies. And so there is relationship, we will be his and he will be ours even as we are now but he will openly display and declare this before all creatures in heaven and on Earth.

Uh, God will. Boast as it were. In us and whom he has made us to be to himself. Him. He has made himself to be to us. So Resurrection relationship, righteousness, will be acquitted in the day of judgment. He has already declared us righteous there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

But when we come to the day, Of condemnation, the day in, which God will Uh, justly punish Remaining. Uh since I say remaining because there are those sins that are justly punished in the cross of Jesus Christ, where Jesus said it is finished. But in the last day and the day of the Resurrection, Uh, when those who have not believed in Jesus Christ, Uh, they who know not God and have obeyed, not the gospel, they are cast into the Lake of Fire.

Prepared for the devil and his angels, and the devil. And The angels that fell with him and became demons. These all shall be judged and condemned. But at the same time, All those who are in Christ, will be acquitted, will be declared not guilty. Uh and indeed there will be reward.

For their Good Deeds done in the body. Not because they were done. To an extent, that was meritorious. But because they were done in Christ and that good, which is in them, God is pleased to reward on the principle of Grace. Because he has punished the sin. And what we have done.

At the Cross of Christ. And so, there's this. Wonderful Truth of the Judgment of Christians as we look forward to being acquitted by God. Going to the last great trial knowing that the judge and the prosecutor who of course, Also, the Lord Jesus. Have taken care of all charges against us at the cross of Jesus Christ, and have given a preliminary but not In question, a preliminary and enduring.

Uh, judgment that we are not guilty and so righteousness. So that the resurrection we get Resurrection, we get relationship, we get righteousness. And we get rejoicing and made perfectly blessed. In the full enjoying of God. To all eternity. Uh, man's Chief end is to glorify God. And fully. To enjoy him.

Or to enjoy him fully. Uh, forever. And so, Uh, that for which the Lord. Uh, ordained us that for which the Lord created us that for which the Lord redeemed. And the last day, Believers. Will receive it. Will receive him himself. That is not perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of the new Heavens.

For all eternity, as wonderful as I'm sure they are. Or will be it is not perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of the new Earth for all eternity. As wonderful as I'm sure it will be. It is perfectly blessed and the full enjoying of God for all eternity. If Jesus is your righteousness.

There is no reward. That. Uh, sufficiently repays you According to his worthiness. Except God himself. So, maybe we should have put reward there instead of rejoicing, I like that. Better reward. So at the resurrection Believers being raised up in glory shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment and made perfectly blessed.

In the full enjoying of God, to all eternity. Resurrection. Relationship. Righteousness. Reward. It is a great day. And we should. Desire and long for it, even the Saints in glory. Continue to long for the day. Of the Resurrection.