

John 5:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Analysis

'And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.' Two resurrections, two outcomes. 'Done good' describes those whose works demonstrate faith—good works are faith's evidence, not salvation's cause. 'Done evil' describes those whose lives manifest unbelief. Resurrection is universal; its outcome depends on relationship to Christ, evidenced by life pattern. This isn't salvation by works but works as evidence of salvation.

Historical Context

Daniel 12:2 prophesies this dual resurrection. The connection between deeds and destiny reflects the judgment principle (2 Corinthians 5:10)—works reveal faith's presence or absence. Believers are judged for rewards; unbelievers face condemnation. Both face resurrection; only one leads to life.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How do works relate to resurrection destiny—is this salvation by works?
2. What distinguishes the 'resurrection of life' from the 'resurrection of damnation'?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ἐκπορεύσονται οἱ τὰ ἀγαθὰ ποιήσαντες εἰς
And shall come forth G3588 G3588 good they that have done unto
G2532 G1607 G18 G4160 G1519

ἀνάστασιν ζωῆς οἱ δὲ τὰ φαῦλα πράξαντες εἰς
the resurrection of life and G3588 evil they that have done unto
G386 G2222 G1161 G5337 G4238 G1519

ἀνάστασιν κρίσεως
the resurrection of damnation
G386 G2920

Additional Cross-References

Acts 24:15 (Resurrection): And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

Luke 14:14 (Resurrection): And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

1 Timothy 6:18 (Good): That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;