

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	ἐκπορεύονται	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	G3588	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;