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AWAY
REVELATION 20:4-6

-- **Big Idea:** For believers, to be absent from the body is to be instantly present in heaven with the Lord.

-- **The Millennium in Review**

- The millennium is **NOW** (v. 7-8).
- Satan is bound now (v. 2-3).
- Now is the day of salvation!

1.) The Millennial Reign is a HEAVENLY scene (v. 4).

- What does it mean to say that *“they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years?”*
- **Verses 4-6** give a vision of **HEAVEN** not Earth.
 - Almost every other time in Revelation where we see thrones, we are looking at a scene in heaven (Rev. 4:1-4).
 - v. 4b — We are looking at disembodied souls.

2.) The Millennial reign involves DECEASED believers now spiritually alive in heaven (v. 4).

- This passage gives two different descriptions of the one group of people.
- The martyrs in v. 4 represent anyone who has held fast to Christ in this world of pressure and persecution (2 Tim. 3:12, Rev. 3:21).

3.) The “first resurrection” is a SPIRITUAL resurrection (v. 4-5).

- What is depicted here is the intermediate state (2 Corinthians 5:8, Philippians 1:21-24, Luke 20:37-38)

4.) There is only one BODILY resurrection (v. 5).

- Those who die in Christ in this age are spiritually alive in heaven now. That is the first resurrection.
- Unbelievers have no spiritual resurrection. They remain dead until this present age ends with Christ's return.
- One bodily resurrection will happen at the **RETURN** of Christ. Believers will be raised to everlasting life, and unbelievers to everlasting judgment (Daniel 12:2, John 5:28-29).

Application

1.) To die in Christ is to REIGN (2 Timothy 2:11-12).

2.) To die in Christ is to WIN (1 Corinthians 15:54-58).

3.) To die in Christ is to LIVE

4.) The MILLIENIUM is good news!