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**Resurrection**

*and*

**Rapture**

*of the*

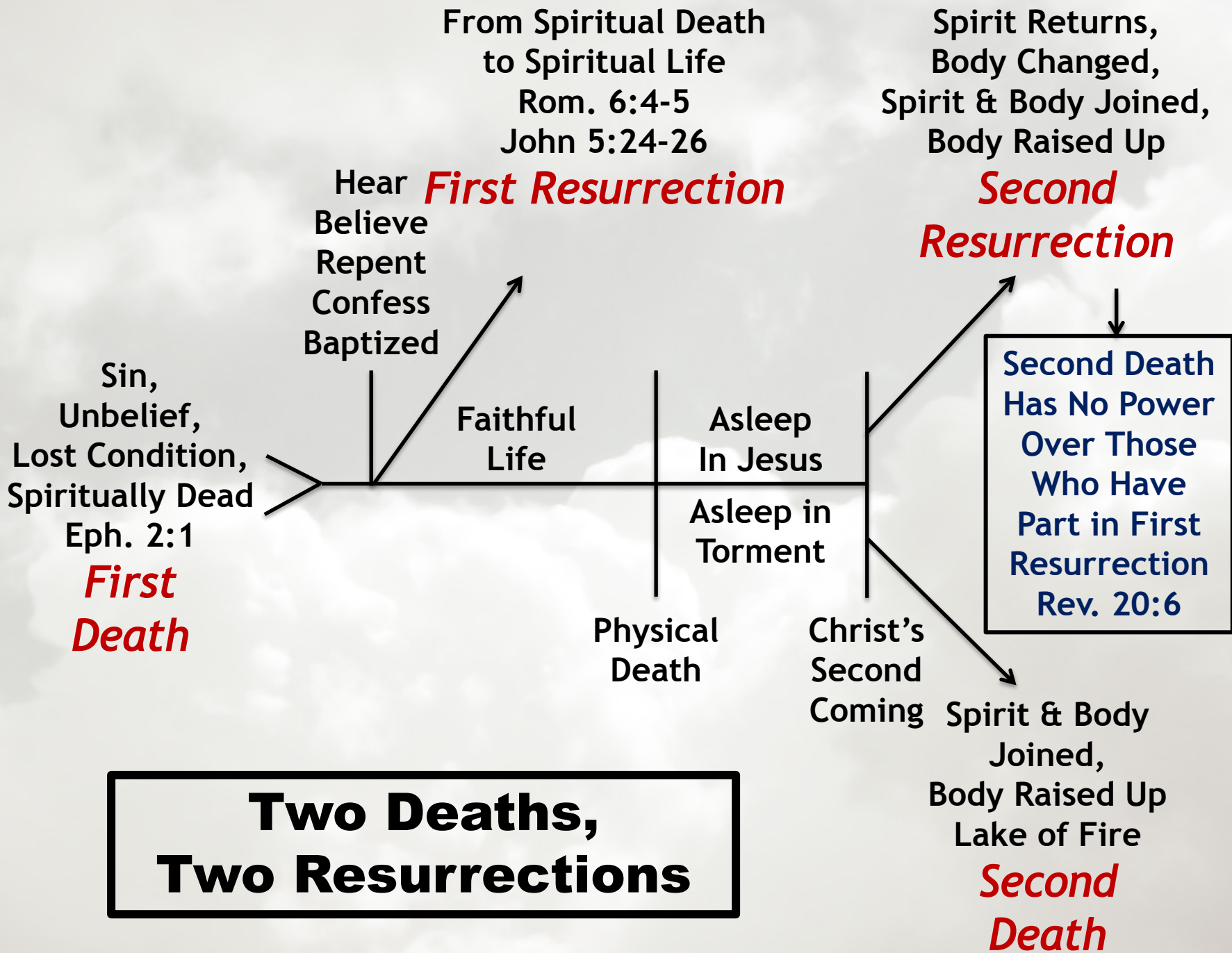
**Saints** (Part 2)

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

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- *No scripture says that Jesus will ever set foot on earth again.*

Rev. 20? Jesus' kingdom is NOW!

He is reigning NOW - Mat. 28:18; Eph. 1:20-22.

He has a kingdom NOW - Col. 1:13.

Jesus will come only as far as "the air."

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▪ *About the term “rapture.”*

From Latin Vulgate “rapiemur,”  
“We are caught up.”

Perfectly good word, as long as we  
understand it properly.

Will faithful be raptured? Yes!  
But not Premillennialism’s “secret rapture.”



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➤ **We will meet the Lord in the air, and He will take us home.**

**“Thus we shall always be with the Lord.”**

**No more of being strangers!**

**No more of being pilgrims!**

**No more of death!**

**No more of sorrow!**

**No more of pain!**

**No more of tears!**

**We will be home!**