

1 Corinthians 15:35-49
“The Resurrection Body”

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2 Timothy 2

“17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and thus they upset the faith of some.”

What can we expect to be like in heaven?

Adam
Before the Fall

Jesus
Transfiguration

Christ
after His resurrection

New Testament teaching

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Rom.8:11 “And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who live in you.”

Phil.3:20-21 “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly await for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory.”

Rev.21:4 “and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

1 Corinthians 15

“³⁵ But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; ³⁷ and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own.”

“He will transform the body”



“you do not sow the body which is to be” “God gives it a body just as He wished”

Physical death is a door to a greater dimension of life.

“³⁹ All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one {flesh} of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish. ⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the {glory} of the earthly is another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable {body}, it is raised an imperishable {body}; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual {body}.”



Animal bodies



Cosmic bodies

Related but different bodies

The body to come is superior to the body we now have.

Earthly

Resurrection

perishable
dishonor
weakness
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glory
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It will not deteriorate or decline!

It will not disappoint or discourage!

It will not be limited or inept!

It will not be the same material or physical!

It will not be of this life or world!

“⁴⁵ So also it is written, "The first *man*, Adam, *became a living soul*." The last Adam {became} a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. ⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.”

Romans 5:14

“Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of Adam’s offense, **who is a type of Him who was to come.**”

1st Adam

2nd Adam

Adam

“living soul”
earthy

Christ

“life giving spirit”
heavenly

Our present body is a type of what is to come.

2 Corinthians 5

“¹ For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For indeed in this {house} we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven; ³ inasmuch as we, having put it on, shall not be found naked. ⁴ For indeed **while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened**, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, in order that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us **the Spirit as a pledge.**”

2 Corinthians 5

“⁶ Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord-- ⁷ for **we walk by faith, not by sight--** ⁸ **we are** of good courage, I say, and **prefer rather** to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. ⁹ Therefore also **we have as our ambition**, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For **we must all appear** before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Adam
before the Fall

Genesis 1-2

“in the image of God” 1:27

“fill and subdue the earth” 1:28

“every plant shall be food for you” 1:29

“from the dust of the ground” 2:7

“naked and not ashamed” 2:25

Jesus'
Transfiguration

Matthew 17:2-3

“And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.”

Christ
after His resurrection

Luke 24:38-39

“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”