

The Doctrine of Glorification Part 1

John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue define the doctrine this way: “Glorification is the radical transformation of both the body and the soul of believers, perfecting them in holiness, and thereby fitting them for eternal life on the new earth in perfect communion with God” (*Biblical Doctrine: A Systematic Summary of Bible Truth*, p. 654).

Wayne Grudem also offers a good definition of the doctrine when he writes: “Glorification is the final step in the application of redemption. It will happen when Christ returns and raises from the dead the bodies of all believers for all time who have died, and reunites them with their souls, and changes the bodies of all believers who remain alive, thereby giving all believers at the same time perfect resurrection bodies like his own” (*Systematic Theology*, p. 828).

Romans 8:16-23; 28-30

Further Support from the Old Testament

Job 19:25-27

Isaiah 26:19

Daniel 12:1-2

Further Support from the New Testament

John 5:25-29; 6:39-40

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Philippians 3:8-12, 20-21

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18