

FROM AN OLD NATURAL BODY TO A NEW GLORIFIED BODY

I. PHILIPPIANS 1:6 – PERFECTED

God began His work in you, and on the day of Christ will perfect it, will complete it.

II. ROMANS 8:28-30 - GLORIFIED

You were justified, you are being sanctified (God is working all things together for good), and you will be glorified, “*conformed to the image of His Son.*” 1 Corinthians 1:30

III. EPHESIANS 1:13-14 – SPIRITUALLY REDEEMED

You believed, you were justified, that is, spiritually redeemed. In the future, you will be glorified, that is, physically redeemed, and you will receive a wonderful inheritance. Ephesians 1:15-19. You are now being sanctified – you are to have faith, and you are to love God and people, and you need power. You also need hope. Ephesians 1:21, 2:7

IV. 1 JOHN 3:1-3 – YOUR SALVATION WILL BE COMPLETE

A. You are now a child of God, but your salvation is not yet complete. You have not yet been glorified. Our salvation will be complete when Christ appears, when He returns in the clouds to rapture the believers who are on earth.

B. You are now a child of God, and when you are glorified, then you will look like a child of God, and will always act like a child of God. This is really good news - this is the gospel.

C. Since we now live in the end times, we should give more attention to God’s prophetic word so we can know what God wants us to know, and live like God wants us to live. Daniel 12:4, 9

V. SOME VERSES ON HOPE - 1 John 3:3; 1 Peter 1:16; Romans 5:3, 15:13; Colossians 1:27.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 – We see the example of the Thessalonians – their work of faith, labor of love, and hope in Christ. You can only go full out for the Lord now, because you know it will be worth it in the future, that God will reward you in the future for your work done for Him in the present. Revelation 22:12, 1 Corinthians 15:58, 2 Corinthians 5:17

VI. ROMANS 8:18-23 – HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN THE MIDST OF PRESENT SUFFERING

We all suffer. We all face struggles, go through trials, and experience pain. Acts 14:22.

We must admit that it is hard as we live in these physical and mortal bodies; and that’s why there is this huge emphasis on hope. “*Waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons.*”

VII. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10 – FROM AN EARTHLY TENT TO A HEAVENLY DWELLING

We groan, for every day we face pressures, pressures that are physical, mental, spiritual and relational in nature. But we are to have hope, to be longing for our heavenly dwelling. We should prefer to be *“absent from the body and at home with the Lord.”*

VIII. PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21 – THE TRANSFORMATION OF OUR BODY

Our present body is not spiritually or physically fit for heaven, for we now have a lowly, vile and humble body (2 Corinthians 4:7 – a clay pot). At Christ’s return, our bodies will undergo a major transformation. We will be redesigned, reformed, refashioned. *“Jesus Christ will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory.”*

IX. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:42-44, 53 - THE PRESENT & FUTURE CONDITION OF OUR BODY

- A. We have a perishable, corrupted, dying body. It will be an imperishable body.
- B. We have a dishonorable, disgraceful, shameful body. It will be a glorious body.
- C. We have a weak, feeble, impotent body. It will be a powerful body.
- D. We have a natural, fleshly, sinful body. It will be a spiritual body.
- E. We have a mortal body, a body that is wearing out. It will be an immortal body.
- F. In the near future, we will be given brand new bodies, a changed body, one that is different, renewed, transformed, one that will be a glorified body, like the angels, and like Jesus Christ Himself. Luke 20:36, 1 John 3:2 – *“when Christ appears we will be like Him.”*
- G. All this is for our eternal good, and for God and Christ’s eternal glory.

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HE ALSO PREDESTINED
TO BECOME CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON.
Romans 8:29

1. What is the main thing that you believe God wants you to learn from this lesson?
2. How is God presently working in your life? That is, how is He sanctifying you?
3. What is the hardest thing about living in your present physical body?
4. What are you looking forward to the most when it comes to having a new body?
5. What does it mean to have hope? Why is it so important for you to have hope?
6. How does having a new body relate to giving God glory, and serving Him more effectively?
7. Why is there so much in the New Testament about your new and glorified body.