

THE NEW AND IMPROVED BODY – PART II
1 Corinthians 15:45-58

When someone invents an item they make a prototype, which is the first of its kind. Adam and Jesus were prototypes of different bodies: Adam the natural body and Jesus the spiritual body. In today's teaching, we gain more insights into the glorified body, and how vastly superior it is to the natural body that Adam was created with. When will we receive our glorified bodies? What kind of bodies do deceased believers have? Where do I go when I die? All these questions will be answered and more in today's message.

#1. A CONTRAST BETWEEN THE TWO PROTOTYPES OF THE HUMAN BODY, vv. 45-49

- A. Adam & Jesus are heads of humanity, vv. 21-22
- B. In Adam – non-believers / In Christ – believers, vv. 21-22
- C. Adam a living soul - Jesus a life-giving spirit, v. 45, Gen 2:7
- D. The natural body came 1st – the spiritual body 2nd, v. 46
- E. Adam made from dust - Jesus from heaven, v. 47, Gen 2:7
- F. Believers bear the image of each prototype, v. 49, Phil 2:20-21

#2. WHEN JESUS RETURNS LIVING BELIEVERS' NATURAL BODIES ARE TRANSFORMED INTO GLORIFIED BODIES, vv. 50-53

- A. Flesh & blood can't inherit the Kingdom, v. 50
- B. The mystery: the living are changed, v. 51
- C. The change occurs quickly, v. 52
- D. The last trumpet is the end, v. 52, 1 Thess 4:13f
- E. The perishable is clothed with imperishable, v. 53

#3. WHEN JESUS RETURNS BELIEVERS WHO HAVE DIED ARE RESURRECTED, v. 52

- A. Deceased believers go to heaven with Jesus, Phil 1:23
- B. Deceased believers aren't in a glorified body, 2 Cor 5:1-5
- C. Deceased believers are disembodied, 2 Cor 5:1-5
- D. Deceased believers are raised at the last trumpet

#4. WHEN JESUS RETURNS BELIEVERS CELEBRATE THEIR VICTORY OVER DEATH, vv. 54-57

- A. The sting of death is gone, v. 55, Ho 13:14, Heb 2:14-15
- B. The sting of death is sin, v. 56
- C. The power of sin is the law, v. 56, Ro 4:15
- D. The victory results in amazing thanks, v. 57
- E. The victory over death is through Jesus, v. 57

#5. THE CONCLUSION - ASSURANCE OF RESURRECTION SHOULD CAUSE US TO BE DILIGENT IN DOING GOD'S WORK, v. 58

- A. Assurance leads to standing firm
- B. Assurance leads to immovability
- C. Assurance leads to commitment to God's work
- D. Assurance leads to a sense of accomplishment
- E. Assurance should encourage us, 1 Thess 4:18

NOTES:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Discuss the points of contrast between Adam and Jesus in point #1 on the outline.
- #2. Read Hebrews 2:14-15, and discuss why death is fearful for people to face.
- #3. Read 1 Thess 4:13-18 and discuss the:
 - A. What is the context of the passage?
 - B. Describe the difference between the way Christians and non-Christians view death.
 - C. Paul says in v. 18 that we should encourage one another with these words. Why?
- #4. What is the intermediate state, or the disembodied state of the body? (2 Cor 5:1-5)
- #6. Discuss the meaning of 1 Cor 15:56.
- #7. In Philippians 3:20-21 Paul says our body will be like Jesus' glorified body. What are some of the characteristics of Jesus' glorified body?
- #5. 1 Cor 15:58 offers us a conclusion about the future resurrection. In what ways is this a fitting conclusion to the teaching of the resurrection?
- #8. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church

Happy Mother's Day!

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

May 8, 2022

Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

The Hillcrest family extends to all our mothers a special mother's day blessing. We appreciate you and are grateful for all of you.

EAST INDIAN DINNER

Thanks for all your generous donations that were made during the East Indian Dinner. Thus far just over \$10,000 has been given, which will be split between the Great Commission Fund and the Kibaale school in Uganda. You can still give to this effort by writing "Dinner" in the memo of your check.

TIM BROOKS

Bruce will be away May 22nd and Pastor Tim will be delivering an inspiring message.

SERMON SERIES

Pastor Bruce will be teaching on the resurrection for the next few weeks. His series is titled "The New and Improved Body."

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Pastor Bruce, Tim and Kathy Brooks attended the district conference in Redding, Monday through Thursday. We are happy to report a new district superintendent, Rev. Dr. Rob Douglas, has been elected. He will begin his term August 1st. He specifically requested that we all pray for him because it is a difficult job that requires a lot of support.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

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