

The Resurrected Body

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II Corinthians 5:1-10 ¹Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is dismantled, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, ³because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴So while we are in this tent, we groan under our burdens, because we do not wish to be unclothed but clothed, so that our mortality may be swallowed up by life. ⁵And God has prepared us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a pledge of what is to come. ⁶Therefore we are always confident, although we know that while we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord. ⁷For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸We are confident, then, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So we aspire to please Him, whether we are here in this body or away from it. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive his due for the things done in the body, whether good or bad. (BSB)

I. Last week I mentioned that the Bible teaches that both the righteous and the wicked will be raised from the dead. Let's begin by looking at some of these passages.

A. John 5:28-29 ²⁸Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice ²⁹and come out—those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. (BSB)

B. Acts 24:14-15 ¹⁴I do confess to you, however, that I worship the God of our fathers according to the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, ¹⁵and I have the same hope in God that they themselves cherish, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. (BSB)

C. Revelation 20:11-12 ¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and the One seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from His presence, and no place was found for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne. And there were open books, and one of them was the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their deeds, as recorded in the books. BSB

II. Here are some key details from this passage?

A. The “we”/“us” that are mentioned in this passage are those who **trust** in Jesus Christ to save them.

B. Our earthly body is equated with being a **tent** and our eternal heavenly body is equated with being a **permanent** home. V. 2-4

C. The Holy Spirit working in us is **proof** that we have this promise. V. 5

D. We live our life here on earth by faith that we will be given a perfect permanent body in the **future**. V. 6-9

E. We will be held **accountable** for how we spent our life. This is officially called the Bema Seat Judgment. This is different from the Great White Throne Judgement. V. 10

III. How should this passage affect our daily life?

- A.** We should live our life **listening** to the Spirit of God.
- B.** We should **refocus** our energies from self-preservation to reaching those without Jesus Christ. This does not include “fixing” their sin issues, their political viewpoints, or changing their culture. Remember that the Holy Spirit comes in only after they are born again. He will correct anything that needs to change.
- C.** We need to examine **every** aspect of our life to see if there are things that we need to repent from because we will be held accountable for **every** thought, word, and deed.