



Brown Community Group Discussion Guide

“Death, Glorification, Unification: What happens to our Body, Soul and Spirit?”

Lesson 10 – Glorification, What will our Resurrected Bodies Be Like?

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I. Lesson Review:

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.

- Our “Glorified Bodies” are a different form than our earthly bodies and are re-united with our soul and spirit at the time of the resurrection
- “Glorified, Heavenly and Resurrected” are synonymous terms used for the resurrection form
- Resurrection of the believers occurs at the time of Christ’s return
- The dead in Christ will be resurrected bodily first, followed by those alive
- Our Glorified body will be like Christ’s for our eternal presence in Heaven before God
- There are different levels of glory culminating for a believer with our Glorified Body required to experience God’s full glory

II. What Will Our Resurrected/Glorified Bodies Be Like?

1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 49 (On The Resurrection Body)

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. ³⁹ Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. ⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. ⁴¹ The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. ⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 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. ⁴⁵ So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man. ⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

- Our new bodies will be imperishable, meaning they will never wear out, grow old or be sick
- Believers new bodies will be perfect, eternal and with God

- Since our resurrected bodies will have no sign of “corruption”, it is appropriate to view them with no sign of aging; So does this correlate to characteristics of youthful mature adulthood?
- Resurrected bodies will show the fulfillment of God’s perfect wisdom in the creation of human beings; Our resurrected bodies will be the pinnacle of man as God eternally intended it to be

III. Additional Descriptions about the Resurrected and Glorified Body

Many different words are used to describe our Resurrected or Glorified bodies:

“In Glory”

- This term is contrasted to “dishonor”
- Suggestion of the beauty or attractiveness of appearance that we will have eternally
- “Glorious in beauty”
- Glory is so frequently used in scripture for the “bright shining radiance” that surrounds the presence of God himself
- Suggests that we will also have some type or level of radiance that is evidence of exaltation

Matthew 13:40-43

⁴⁰ *“As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.*

Daniel 12:1-4

¹ *At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. ⁴ But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end.”*

- Daniel says that believers that are in the Lambs Book of Life will be delivered (Can interpret as a deliverance from the Tribulation period or Believers deliverance from death)
- Those we are “wise” and “lead many to righteousness” should be interpreted as those that are “Saved”
- Visible brightness or radiance that surrounds us when we are in our resurrection or glorified bodies

“In Power”

- Contrast to weakness, strength to complete all that we desire to do the will of God in Heaven
- Not fragile, weak, sick or aging
- Not infinite like God, but the full strength God had intended before the fall

“Spiritual Body”

- Spiritual most likely means “consistent with the character and activity of the Holy Spirit”
- Verse 44 is more appropriate saying “It is sown a natural body subject to the characteristics and desires of this age, and governed by its own sinful will; but it is raised a spiritual body completely subject to the will of the Holy Spirit and responsive to the Holy Spirit’s guidance”
- A resurrected body is not at all a “nonphysical body”, but raised to the degree of perfection for which God originally intended.

“Like Christ”

In conclusion, when Christ returns he will give us new resurrection bodies to be like his resurrected body.

1 John 3:2

² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

- Both in an ethical and physical sense

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