

The Glorified Body - Teacher's Notes

Goal: The students will be encouraged by the hope concerning the saint's resurrection body

Praxis: The students will be able to share this hope for edification and evangelism of souls

- We shall be changed - I Corinthians 15:40 - 53
 - vv. 40 - 41
 - heavenly bodies - means the sun, moon and stars. Galen the Greek physician used these same expressions just 60 - 70 years later
 - earthly bodies - means humans and animals
 - God's created matter can be modified in countless ways
 - God finds and creates a suitable body in all cases
 - glory - originally meant "weight" to mean weighty and impressive = splendor
 - vv. 42 - 44
 - perishable - "corruption, decay" = in a state of decay
 - dishonor = the humiliation of our lowly, sinful state
 - weakness = further explains decay and humiliation as the frailty and constraints of human existence without the power of Christ
 - power - emphasizes decay's reversal when the resurrected will be energized by the Spirit of God and will reflect Christ's glory
 - natural - "physical" = human nature in its frail sinfulness
 - spiritual = humanity in its resurrected perfection when each redeemed saint will have a body like Christ
 - body - a physical entity
 - vv. 45 - 46
 - a living being = natural, physical and human
 - life-giving spirit
 - The Father made it so - John 5:26
 - This was made possible by the reversal of sin and death at the Cross
 - natural...spiritual = physical...resurrected
 - vv. 47 - 48
 - from the earth - from literally is "out of"
 - a man of dust - literally is "made of dust"
 - second man is from heaven
 - The Lord is originally from Heaven - John 3:13
 - He is coming again from Heaven - Revelation 19:11-13
 - man of dust...man of heaven - it is the same order as v. 46
 - have borne - Aorist Active Indicative...shall...bear - Future Active Indicative. The nuance of the verb is a metaphor of wearing clothes
 - image - the word from which we get "icon" in English. It is a prototype of the original such as a figure on a coin. It does not just resemble the original, but is an exact copy of the original.

- vv. 50 - 53
 - flesh and blood
 - This is a description of our body as it is now constituted
 - Our earthly bodies are not fit for heavenly existence
 - inherit = “come into possession” - There must be a change in the physical body first
 - Behold - A bold announcement is coming!
 - mystery = Known by divine revelation, not human information
 - sleep - from Greek through Latin we have our word “cemetery”
 - The word refers to death
 - The Second Advent will interrupt human history at an unspecified point in the future
 - changed
 - The verb is in the passive voice to emphasize that God will do the changing
 - The change will be a transformation that will make our bodies fit for Heaven
 - moment - from a word from which we get our English word “atom” = smallest amount of time imaginable
 - twinkling = rapid eye movement, darting glance
 - last trumpet
 - signals a royal decree from God
 - The last one before the passing of the present reality
 - this perishable body = the same body we are in now
 - put on = to put on like a new set of clothes
 - this mortal body = the same body we are in now
- The down payment or guarantee
 - II Corinthians 1:22
 - God - from verse 21
 - put his seal = like a signature to give legal validity to documents
 - given - takes place at salvation
 - guarantee - the Spirit is the guarantee. It is like the “pledge” in Genesis 38:17, 18, 20
 - Ephesians 1:13 - 14
 - heard...believed = new birth
 - the word...the gospel - Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word - Romans 10:17
 - were sealed - passive voice emphasizes that God did the sealing
 - the guarantee - same word as in II Corinthians 1:22
 - acquire possession - literally “redemption of the possession”
- The glorified body will be like the Lord’s resurrection body
 - Philippians 3:20 - 21
 - is = our heavenly citizenship exists now!
 - citizenship = the state to which as citizens we belong
 - our - in emphatic position as the first word in the sentence

- await = “eagerly await”
- transform = emphasizes the **outward** fashion
- lowly - humiliation = our present failing body
- to be like - emphasizes the **inner** “conforming” = having the same form
- power that enables
 - power - “working, operation” = energy
 - enables - “the power, ability”
- subject - “to place under, to subordinate”
- I John 3:2
 - we shall be like Him - the detail is explained in Philippians 3:21
 - we shall see Him as He is - the Lord will be visible to us in all His glory and we shall fully reflect that glory from our inner being.
- The Lord will give us His glory - John 17:22, 24
 - v. 22 - I - “And I” - at the beginning of the Greek text for emphasis
 - the glory - the visible manifestation of God’s essence
 - See I Corinthians 15:40 - 41
 - Shekinah - “that which dwells” from a Hebrew verb - “to dwell, reside”. This word is not found in the Bible. It is first found in the Targams, the Aramaic commentaries used to teach the Jews in the O.T. Captivity.
 - have given
 - Christ has given His glory to the Redeemed Saints
 - We will be eternal reflections of His glory
 - that they may be one = the perfect fellowship of the Holy Spirit
 - v. 24 - whom you have given me - we are a permanent gift
 - see = constant awe, wonder and contemplation
 - loved - the Greek word for self-sacrificial love
 - before the foundation of the world = the preexistent Son of God
- We will not marry - Matthew 22:29 - 32
- Adam’s body before the Fall
 - Genesis 1:26 - 27 - image...likeness
 - image = “shadow” = sketch, outline
 - likeness = “portrait, copy”
 - Emphasizes the spiritual self-conscious personality of man
 - Marred in the Fall--not lost
 - They are used together here for intensity
 - Genesis 2:7
 - formed - used of a potter’s work as well as of an ironsmith
 - Genesis 1:1 - created - God created matter out of nothing
 - Genesis 2:7 - God used the matter (dust) to form the man and woman
 - breathed into his nostrils - this act separated man from the animals
 - living creature - the same as the animals in this respect
 - man’s image of God is the ability to have the Spirit of God dwell and fill him
 - man’s personality reflects God’s personality

- Superior intelligence - Genesis 2:19 - 20a
 - Adam had to keep track of all the different animal “kinds” as he named the animals to make the entire biological system logical and symmetrical
 - Adam’s system would then reflect God’s symmetry and order
 - Adam exercised his dominion over the animals
 - The fish are left out (of the field...of the heavens)
 - Brought them to the man - God brought the animals to Adam like He did for Noah before the Flood (Genesis 6:20).
 - Adam became aware that each animal had a mate but he had none
- The Lord’s Resurrection body
 - It looked like His earthly person
 - Mary Magdalene recognized Him at the tomb - John 20:16
 - The two men recognized Him at Emmaus - Luke 24:31
 - He could control the atomic structure
 - He appeared to the disciples behind locked doors - John 20:19
 - He vanished from the presence of the two men at Emmaus - Luke 24:31
 - He holds all things together - Colossians 1:17
 - The crucifixion wounds were visible
 - He appeared to the disciples - John 20:20
 - He appeared to Thomas - John 20:27
 - His body contained flesh and bones - Luke 24:39
 - He was able to eat - Luke 24:42 - 43
 - He was able to speak - Luke 24:38
 - He had a physical body
 - He presented Himself alive after His suffering by many proofs - Acts 1:3
 - His body died, was buried, was resurrected and appeared to many people - I Corinthians 15:3 - 8
 - He was able to control gravity
 - His body was lifted up in their sight - Acts 1:9
 - He will return in the same manner - Acts 1:11
 - He is physically sitting by the Father in Heaven - Mark 16:19