

AND WE SHALL BE CHANGED

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Job 14:13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time **will I wait, till my change come.**

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

1. **Our Appointed Time Here on the Earth: We are Finite** (Limited, Restricted)

Job 7:1 *Is there* not an appointed time to man upon earth? *are not* his days also like the days of a hireling?

Job 14:5 Seeing his days *are* determined, the number of his months *are* with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

Psa 39:4 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it *is*; *that* I may know how frail I *am*.

Psa 39:5 Behold, thou hast made my days *as* a handbreadth; and mine age *is* as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state *is* altogether vanity. Selah.

Psa 90:9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale *that is told*.

Psa 90:10 The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Jas 4:13 Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

Jas 4:14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Jas 4:15 For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

2. **The Curse of Sin has brought death into the world.**

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Heb 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so **by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.**

Rom 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

Rom 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR HOPE IS IN THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

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I am the resurrection - I am the author or the cause of the resurrection. It so depends on my power and will, that it may be said that I am the resurrection itself.

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Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life — *“The whole power to restore, impart, and maintain life, resides in Me.”*

Though he were dead - Faith does not save from temporal death; but although the believer, as others, will die a temporal

death, yet he will hereafter have life. Even if he dies, he shall hereafter live.

Shall he live - Shall be restored to life in the resurrection.

Job 19:24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever!

Job 19:25 For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:

Job 19:26 **And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God:**

Job 19:27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; *though* my reins be consumed within me.

Isa 26:19 Thy dead *men* shall live, *together with* my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew *is as* the dew of herbs, and the **earth shall cast out the dead.**

NEW BODIES

1Jn 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, **we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**

1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

we shall be like him; in body, fashioned like to his glorious body, in immortality and incorruption, in power, in glory, and spirituality, in a freedom from all imperfections, sorrows, afflictions, and death; and in soul, which likeness will lie in perfect knowledge of divine things, and in complete holiness;

Php 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Php 3:21

Who shall change our vile body - Who will refashion, or alter the fashion and condition of, the body of our humiliation; this body that is dead - adjudged to death because of sin, and must be putrefied, dissolved, and decomposed.

That it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body That it may bear a similar form to the body of his glory.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

1Co 15:55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

1Co 15:56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

1Co 15:57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

and this mortal must put on immortality; the body that now is mortal, must become immortal; it must put off its rags of mortality, and be clothed with the shining robes of immortality; and which must be done, either by first dying, and then rising from the dead; or by undergoing alive a quick and sudden change, which will at once remove all corruption and mortality; see:

Joh 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

Joh 12:25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

GLORIFIED BODIES

1. **Our Glorified bodies will be real and physical**, and will not be subject to death and decay; they will not become weary or sick; they will not

need food for sustenance, though being capable of eating on occasion; and they will not be limited by either ordinary physical matter or natural laws, being able to vanish and appear at will and to defy gravity for upward movement. The saints of the church will be endowed with such bodies at the rapture, moving up in them to meet the Lord in the air.

2. **Our glorified bodies, then, will be like Jesus' resurrected body.**

- a. In that body, Jesus entered a room with the door shut... (John 20:19, 26).
- b. He vanished from sight while talking with others... (Luke 24: 30- 31).
- c. Remained unknown to others until special perception granted... (Luke 24: 15-16; 31; John 20: 14-16).

Joh 20:15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

Joh 20:16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

- d. Defied Gravity is ascending from the earth to disappear in the clouds (Acts 1:9).
- e. His body was real, for it could be touched..(John 20:27) was capable of speaking...(Luke 24:17, 25-27); could consume food...(Luke 24:30 John 21: 12-15).

Hold Fast

Rev 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord