

1 Cor 15:42-52

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.

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. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Paul will now explain what our resurrected body will be like.

Notice all of the contrasts in these verses starting with verse 42:

The contrast Paul is drawing

- is not between a dead body and a living body,
- but of two living bodies.

In verse 42, we were sown in corruption,

Paul is now saying that your body is wasting away, it's decaying.

In John 11 Jesus ordered the stone of Lazarus to be removed. Martha's reaction was, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

Our body decays when it goes into the ground

- but when it's raised it will be a glorious heavenly body,

Jesus said in Matthew 13 that the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Daniel said in 12:3

3 Those who are wise shall shine

Like the brightness of the firmament,

And those who turn many to righteousness

Like the stars forever and ever.

Col 3:4

4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

1 Peter 1:3-5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept (guarded) by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Notice the potential for our future in verse 43:
The body is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory.

But one day according to:

Phil 3:21

Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Ref: Col 3:4

Our body is a tent, 2 Cor 5 but it will one day be a building,

Then Paul gives a contrast in power, verse 43. Our body is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

What will I look like in heaven? Will others recognize me, will I recognize them?

When God created Adam and Eve they were of parenting age.

One day all will reach the top of the hill and will begin to descend.

I don't know what we'll look like, but I do know that we will be as He is. Ref: Jn 19

Notice the contrast in form,

44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

We cannot live in the presence of the Lord in our current body.

Remember in the book of Exodus chapter 33, Moses wanted to see the Lord's glory.

Ex 33:19-23

19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." 20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." 21 And the Lord said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. 22 So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

In this body we cannot see the Lord, but one day we will see Him as He is.

1 Cor 15:44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Notice it says we will be raised a spiritual body.

We will have a spiritual body.

- We will have a supernatural body.
- We will have some kind of form to us.

Doubting Thomas:

Christians are:

- positionally declared righteous.
- But practically, we're still sinners.
- But one day we will be practically what we are now positionally.

45 And so it is written "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

Paul is still answering the question from verse 35, how are the dead raised and with what body do they come?

Adam was an example in the physical body,

- Jesus is our example in the Spiritual body.

God loves us unconditionally.

Rom 8:29-30

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

2 Cor 3:18

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

1 John 3:1-2

1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

1 Cor 15:50-52

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

We need a different body when entering heaven. Our current body has been marred by sin.

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed –

Not all will die but all will be changed!

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet (this will be the last trumpet for the believers, there will be more in the tribulation). For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Thess 4:16-18

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Although Paul doesn't use the word "rapture," that's what he's speaking about.

The rapture of the church

- is different from the second coming of the church.

The rapture of the church is only for the believers.

He will not come down all the way to the earth,

- instead we will meet Him in the air.
- in a moments notice, unannounced.

We're told in Matthew 24, be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The unbelievers will be left on the earth until the tribulation period is over.

Then there will be a second coming when Jesus will come all the way to the earth, Rev 19.

And all of the hosts of heaven,

- the raptured will come with Him.
- This second coming is a predictable event whereas,
- The rapture can happen at any moment

Also, in the future there are two types of resurrection.

- Resurrection of the “just,” the saved people
- The second will be the resurrection of the “unjust,” unsaved people.

Jesus said:

John 5:28-30

28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

The term, “first and second resurrection,”

- doesn't refer to the total number of resurrections,
- it refers to “two kinds.”
- One for the saved, the other for the unsaved.

Once a person dies,

- that's it, no more chances

In the OT when a person died

- he went to a place called “Sheol,”
- a general place for “the grave”
- or a place of departed spirits.

In the NT you read of an equivalent place called “Hades.”

Luke 16:22-26

22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

When Jesus rose from the dead,

- He took with Him all of those souls
- that were in Abraham's bosom to paradise with Him.

The other souls that were in hades

- were left there until the final judgement
- others apart from Christ end up there until the final judgement.

Believers:

- we'll be immediately in the presence of the Lord.

The rapture will be the first resurrection of the church.

- will be taken up and transformed,
- we'll receive a resurrected body.

Then there is the resurrection of the OT saints. There is less said about the OT saints in scripture than the NT saints.

Dan 12:1-2

1 "At that time Michael shall stand up,
The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people;
And there shall be a time of trouble,
Such as never was since there was a nation,
Even to that time.
And at that time your people shall be delivered, (end of tribulation)
Every one who is found written in the book.
2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
Some to everlasting life,
Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Then the bible mentions the Martyrs during the tribulation period. Rev 20 speaks of this when Jesus returns to earth to establish His Kingdom.

Rev 20:4-5

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

The second resurrection is for the unsaved. Jesus called it the resurrection of condemnation in Jn 5:29.

When the unbeliever dies today,

- he goes to hades and waits until after the millennium,

- the 1000 year reign of Christ.

Rev 20:5 confirms that:

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.

Matt 25:13 13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

But, we can know the season of the Lord's return.

1 Thes 5:2-6. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

This passage asserts that Jesus is coming like "a thief in the night." This is only true for a non-believing world and not for the believer. We should be expecting the return of Christ.

Furthermore, the Scriptures give us signs to watch for – signs that will signal that Jesus is ready to return. And we should encourage one another.

(Hebrews 10:25) 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

So, what are some signs we're seeing today leading us to believe that we are very near the end of time?

New World Order is coming:

- A one world government is on the horizon

This world is passing away according to 1 Cor 7.

Today,

- Australia is working to advance the new world order.
- They're also pushing for the global D10 ten nation confederacy.

Australia's health chief is advocating for a New World Order, President's Nixon, Bush, Clinton, Obama, and Biden all welcomed a New World Order.

The New World Order is a world governance.

You can read about the agenda 21 & agenda 2030:

<https://steverotter.com/agenda-21-and-agenda-2030-new-world-order/>

Klaus Schwab of the World Economic Forum says: The pandemic represents a rare window of opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reset our world.

Military personal who refuse to get vaccinated are being dishonorably discharged.

In Australia camps being setup for those who refuse vaccinations.

Afghanistan debacle, signs of the times.

Afghanistan will be a player in the end times.

Ezek 38:2

2 "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

So who is Magog?

Gen 10:2

2 The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

Magog is one of the sons of Japheth who was one of Noah's 3 sons.

It would seem that the stage is being set for the invasion of Israel according to Eze 38:1-17.

We may start seeing some conspiracy between Russia and Afghanistan in the near future.

China will most likely be involved as well. China is not mentioned by name in the bible, but it certainly seems that they are alluded to in Revelation 16.

Shortly after the U.S. pulled out of Afghanistan the Russians and the Chinese began courting the Taliban.

Zech 12:3 is starting to make more sense.

3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

Zech 14:1

2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem;

The city shall be taken,
The houses rifled,
And the women ravished.
Half of the city shall go into captivity,
But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.