

It! Gets! Better!

Discussion Notes

1 Corinthians 15.35-49 and 2 Corinthians 5.10

May 29, 2022

*Note: Our messages from May 1 - June 5 will build on these ideas week by week.*

*Be patient, stick with us, read the scriptures.*

*If you'd like to read other books on this subject, read*

*- "Surprised by Hope" by N.T. Wright*

*- "Heaven" by Randy Alcorn*

*Message summary - In the New Creation we'll have a body like Jesus' resurrection body. And we'll all appear before Jesus for judgment. But don't fear - an encounter with Jesus leads to good.*

Intro question - What countries have you lived in? (this really is just a get-to-know-you question. It doesn't relate to our topic today.)

Read 1 Corinthians 15.35-49

What kind of body will we have in the New Creation?

What kind of body did Jesus have after his resurrection?

(See these texts Luke 24.16,31,36,39 and John 20.14, 26-27. How many qualities can you list?)

Read 2 Corinthians 5.10

Recall various encounters Jesus had with people. Did an encounter with Jesus lead to good? Did it ever lead to bad? (think even of encounters with prideful, resistant people)

How is it possible that we are saved by the grace of God in Jesus, yet we will still appear before him to give an account of our lives?

If you have time - read a bit further in 2 Corinthians 5. Read from 10 through to the end of the chapter.

Or read 1 Peter 1.17-21.

Both these texts (and others) show both ideas are true. God is saving us through the blood of Jesus. And we will give an account of our actions.

Can you imagine not giving an account of our actions?

For further reference.

You can assign these scriptures and someone read them for the group -

Psalms 62.10, Jeremiah 17.10, Romans 14.12, Revelation 20.12, Revelation 22.12

*Prayer suggestion - Pray the scriptures 1 Peter 1.17-21 for each other.*