

Eternal Life With Amazing New Bodies

Today we will see what the Bible says about **eternal life with our amazing new bodies**

I. The **triumphant inheritance** of the redeemed.

1 Peter 1:3-4

an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

II. The **transfiguration** of Jesus before He died.

Matthew 17:1-4

³And behold, **Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.**

III. The **transformed amazing** bodies of the redeemed.

1) It will be **your** body.

- Paul explains in 1 Corinthians 15 that our death is like planting a seed that is sown
I Corinthians 15:40-46 (CSB)
- You will keep your identity and name like Adam, Jacob, Abraham, Isaac—
- We will be the same person with the same name and we will know each other
- You will know and recognize your mother, sister, and friends
- The disciples knew Jesus after His resurrection
John 21:1,4,7, 12
- Mary recognized Jesus' voice after His resurrection
John 20:16
- Jesus had flesh and bones and enjoyed eating
- The scars from the cross were still visible

2) It will be a **perfect** body.

- Perhaps the only scars in Heaven are those of Jesus
- Stephen's mutilated body was made perfect in Heaven
- In Heaven you will have a perfect body in a perfect environment

3) It will be a **glorious** body.

- Only the redeemed will inherit Heaven
- There will be no ordinary people; only glorified people: salvation, sanctification, glorification!
- Every redeemed person gets an eternal body for an eternal environment

4) It will be a **powerful** body.

- Perhaps you will think the thought like, "I think I will visit Mars" and you will be there
- After Jesus was raised from the dead He *suddenly* **showed up and spoke up!**

5) It will be an **eternal** body.

- You will reign with Christ for ever and ever
- We *cannot* even imagine!
John 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have life FOREVER.

IV. The **temporal earthly** body is not as amazing.

Romans 8:18,23 (CSB)

- The purpose of suffering in our present life and body should not be forgotten
- Afflictions, sickness, pain, hardships, distress, famine, dangers, sword all remind us of our hope of Heaven and that we are eagerly waiting to go to Jesus or for His second coming for His Church
- Paul says our sufferings in our present lives and bodies are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed to us.

All our sufferings
(weight of one hair)

The weight of His glory
(weight of an elephant)

2 Corinthians 4:17 (CSB)

The COVID-19 pandemic triggers all kinds of fears about what might or could happen to our **temporal earthly body**.

- Those pandemic fears can paralyze your faith.
- The Word of God provides the **vaccination** and **immunization** and **inoculation** we need today:

Matthew 10:28 (CSB)

²⁸ Don't fear those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul; rather, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Romans 7:24-25 (CSB)

²⁴ ...Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!...

Now we are waiting for eternal life with amazing new bodies

Romans 12:1

Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.