

Resurrection Life

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Our Hope for New Bodies 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

When we die, we will be given new bodies from God.

2 Cor. 5:1 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

1. This is why we can view our current suffering as "light and momentary." (4:16-18)

2 Cor. 4:16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

2. We anticipate this transition with certainty.

2 Cor. 5:1a For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God...

3. These new bodies supersede the old in every way.

2 Cor. 5:1b ...we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The certainty of these new bodies cultivates deep longing and certain hope.

1. Our current longing is marked by anticipation of future joy.

2 Cor. 5:2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,

2. Our current longing anticipates freedom from suffering and a new quality of life.

2 Cor. 5:3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.

Phil. 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

3. All that we endure in our current “dying” will one day be fully consumed completely by life.

2 Cor. 5:4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

God has given us the down payment on this coming reality.

2 Cor. 5:5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

Reflection/Discussion:

1. What are you groaning for? Is your attention primarily focused on the “seen” (jobs, politics, culture, bodies) or is it on the “unseen” (the eternal benefits of the gospel)?
2. Does the promise of a new heavenly body create longing in your heart? Why or why not? How does this promise influence the way you view suffering?
3. In what ways does the Spirit’s indwelling now influence our hope? In what ways does he influence your life now?

SONGS

“THIS I BELIEVE (THE CREED)” – Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker

“FOUND IN YOU” - Paul Baloche and Andi Rozier

“CHRIST IS RISEN (HALLELUJAH)” - Brian Johnson, Mack Brock, and Phil Wickham

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