

## The Doctrine of Glorification Part 2

### Question: What will our resurrection bodies be like?

1 Corinthians 15:20-23; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 John 3:2

Our resurrection bodies will be like the resurrection body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Scripture Describing the Resurrection Body of Christ

Luke 24:36-43; John 20:24-29

Wayne Grudem is again helpful when he writes:

After Jesus' resurrection, he still had the nail prints in his hands and feet and the mark from the spear in his side (John 20:27). People sometimes wonder if that indicates that the scars of serious injuries that we have received in this life will also remain on our resurrection bodies. The answer is that we probably will not have any scars from injuries or wounds received in this life, but our bodies will be made perfect, "incorruptible" and raised "in glory." The scars from Jesus' crucifixion are unique because they are an eternal reminder of his sufferings and death for us. The fact that he retains those scars does not necessarily mean that we shall retain ours. Rather, all will be healed, and all will be made perfect and whole. (*Systematic Theology*, p. 615)

### Scripture Describing the Resurrection Body of Christians

1 Corinthians 15:42-58

1. We will be raised in "incorruption" rather than "corruption" (ESV = "imperishable" rather than "perishable," vs. 42, 50, 53). See also Revelation 21:1-5.
2. We will be raised "in glory" rather than "in dishonor" (vs. 43a). See also Daniel 12:2-3; Matthew 13:41-43; 17:1-5; Romans 8:16-18.
3. We will be raised "in power" rather than "in weakness" (vs. 43b).
4. We will be raised a "spiritual body" rather than a "natural body" (vs. 44).

As Wayne Grudem again helpfully observes:

In the Pauline epistles, the word 'spiritual' (Gk. *Pneumatikos*) never means 'nonphysical' but rather "consistent with the character and activity of the Holy Spirit" (see, for example, Rom. 1:11; 7:14; 1 Cor. 2:13, 15; 3:1; 14:37; Gal. 6:1['you who are spiritual']; Eph. 5:19). The RSV translation, "It is sown a *physical* body, it is raised a *spiritual* body," is misleading, and a more clear paraphrase would be, "It is sown a *natural* body subject to the characteristics and desires of this age, and governed by its own sinful will, but it is raised a *spiritual* body, completely subject to the will of the Holy Spirit and responsive to the Holy Spirit's guidance." Such a body is not at all 'nonphysical,' but it is a physical body raised to the degree of perfection for which God originally intended it. (*Systematic theology*, p. 832)

5. We will be raised in the image of Jesus rather than in the image of fallen Adam (vs. 45-49).
6. We will be raised "immortal" rather than "mortal" (vs. 53-54).