

# Glorification and Resurrection

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Selected Scriptures

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## The Order of Salvation

- Election (God's choice of people to be saved; John 10:16; 15:16; 15:19; Acts 13:48)
- The Gospel Call (Proclaiming the message of the Gospel) (Romans 8:28)
- Regeneration (being born again) (Romans 6:4-6; Eph 2:5-6)
- Conversion (faith and repentance)
- Justification (right legal standing before God)
- Adoption (membership in God's family)
- Sanctification (right conduct in life)
- Perseverance (remaining a Christian)
- Death (going to be with the Lord).
- Glorification (receiving a resurrection body)

When Christ redeemed us, He redeemed more than our spirit (or souls) – He redeemed us as whole persons, including the redemption of our bodies.<sup>1</sup> This doctrinal truth implies that we are in the process of “being saved.” Our bodies have not been entirely set free from the effects of the fall and sin. Paul puts it this way, **Romans 8:23–24**, *And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.”*

Glorification - *the final step in the application of redemption. It will happen when Christ returns, raises from the dead the bodies of all believers for all time who have died, reunites them with their souls, and changes the bodies of all believers who remain alive, thereby giving all believers at the same time perfect resurrection bodies like his own.*<sup>2</sup>

Scriptural assurances of glorification:

**Philippians 1:6**, *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

**Romans 8:17**, *And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

**Romans 8:30**, *And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

## I. The Necessity of Christ's Resurrection (1 Cor 15:12-18)

- A. If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not resurrected (1 Cor 15:12-13)
- B. If there is no resurrection of Christ, then our ministry is worthless (1 Cor 15:14-18)
  1. The preaching of Christ is empty, useless, and no benefit (14a)
  2. The faith we claim is empty, useless, and no benefit (14b)
  3. The testimony we give is false testimony (deliberate misrepresentation) (15)
  4. At death, we perish (16-18)

## II. The Certainty of Our Resurrection presented in the New Testament

- A. The definitive passage in the New Testament on the subject of glorification or the resurrection of the body is 1 Corinthians 15:12-58.
  1. **1 Corinthians 15:22–23**, *For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.*
  2. **1 Corinthians 15:51–52**, *Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound,*

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<sup>1</sup> Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*. Second Edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2020. (1018)

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

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- and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.*
- B. Paul affirms the resurrection of the body or glorification in 1 Thessalonians 4.
1. For those who die before his return, **1 Thessalonians 4:14**, *For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.*
  2. For those who are alive at His return, **1 Thessalonians 4:17**, *Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*
- C. Other Passages:
1. Jesus
    - a) **John 5:28–29**, *Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice **29** and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.*
    - b) **John 6:39–40**, *And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. **40** For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”*
  2. Paul
    - a) **Romans 8:11**, *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*
    - b) **Philippians 3:20–21**, *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21** who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

### **III. The Expectation of Resurrection in the Old Testament**

- A. Martha to Jesus upon the death of Lazarus
1. **John 11:23–24**, *Jesus said to her, “**Your brother will rise again.**” **24** Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”*
- B. As seen in Hebrews 11
1. Abraham, **Hebrews 11:10**, *For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.*
  2. Many OT Saints, **Hebrews 11:13–16**, *These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. . . But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.*
- C. Job - **Job 19:25–27**, *For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. **26** And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, **27** whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.*
- D. Isaiah - **Isaiah 26:19**, *Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.*

### **IV. What will our Resurrection Bodies be Like?**

- A. Our body will be imperishable (1 Cor 15:42)
- B. Our body will be glorious (radiant in beauty) (1 Cor 15:43a, Matt 13:43; Ex 34:35; Matt 17:2)
- C. Our body will be raised in power (1 Cor 15:43b; everything God intended for us at creation)
- D. Our body is raised a spiritual body (1 Cor 15:44a; Completely subject to the will of the Holy Spirit)
- E. Our body will be like Christ’s resurrected body (1 John 3:2, 1 Cor 15:49, Romans 8:29)

### **V. Not only will our bodies be Resurrected, All Creation will be Renewed**

- A. The impact of sin on our physical universe (Gen 3:17-19)
- B. The redemption of Creation
1. **Romans 8:21**, *That the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*
  2. **Romans 8:19**, *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.*
  3. **Romans 8:22–23**, *For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. **23** And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*