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The Body to Come: Our Resurrection Body

Opening Prayer

**Father God,
We thank You for Your Word, which is living and active. As we open the Scriptures today, we ask that Your Holy Spirit would guide us into truth. Help us understand the hope You have given us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, calm our fears, and lift our eyes beyond this temporary world to the glory that is to come. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

I. The Temporary Nature of Our Present Body:

2 Corinthians 5:1 NIV

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

Teaching Notes:

Paul calls our current body an “earthly tent”

A tent is:

- temporary
- movable
- not permanent

The future body is:

- from God
- eternal
- not man-made

Key Truth



Christianity teaches replacement, not repair of the fallen body.

II. Death Came Through Sin:

Romans 5:12 NIV Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned-

Teaching Notes:

- .Death was not God's original design
- .Physical decay is a result of the Fall
- .The resurrection reverses the curse

Application:



Our broken bodies remind us that we are living in a fallen world....but not a hopeless one.

III. Jesus' Resurrection Body: The Pattern for Ours:

A. Jesus Rose Physically

Luke 24:39 NIV Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

Teaching Notes:

- .Jesus explicitly denies being a spirit only
- .Flesh and bones = real body



The resurrection is literal, bodily, and historical

B. Jesus Could Eat in His Resurrection Body:

Luke 24:42-43 NIV They gave him a piece of broiled fish, [43] and he took it and ate it in their presence.

Teaching Notes:

- .Eating proves physical reality
- .Heaven is not less real than earth it is so much more
- .Resurrection life is tangible life

C. Jesus Retained Identity

John 20:27 NIV Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Teaching Notes

- .Jesus still has his scars
- .Wounds were no longer painful
- .Identity untouched, suffering removed



Our resurrection bodies will be recognizable and redeemed

D. Jesus' Body Was Glorified:

John 20:19 NIV On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

Teaching Notes:

- .Same body, new properties
- .No longer limited by physical barriers or laws of nature
- .Governed by glory, not decay, no more sin

IV. The Resurrection Explained:

1 Corinthians 15:20 NIV But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Teaching Notes:

.“Firstfruits” guarantees more to come

.Jesus’ resurrection secures ours



. Christianity stands or falls here

V. The Nature of the Resurrection Body:

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 NIV So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; [43] it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; [44] it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

A. Perishable → Imperishable

“The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable”

- .No sickness
- .No aging
- .No death

B. Dishonor → Glory

“It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory”

- .No shame
- .No deformity
- .No effects of sin

C. Weakness → Power

“It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power”

- .No fatigue
- .No frailty
- .No pain

D. Natural → Spiritual

“It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body”

- . “Spiritual” does NOT mean non-physical
- . It means fully controlled by the Spirit
- . No sinful impulses

VI. We Will Be Like Jesus:

Philippians 3:20-21 NIV But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, [21] who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Philippians 3:20–21

Verse:

“Who... will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”

Teaching Notes

- .Transformation, not extinction
- .Christlikeness extends to our bodies
- .This is the believer’s destiny

VII. Recognition and Relationship in Eternity:

Matthew 17:3 NIV Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Matthew 17:3 (Transfiguration)

- .Moses and Elijah recognized
- .Identity preserved beyond death



We will know one another...without sin, jealousy, or pain.

VIII. The Timing of the Resurrection:

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 NIV

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

Verse:

“The dead in Christ will rise first...”

Teaching Notes:

- .Resurrection is future and physical
- .All believers will be changed
- .Eternal fellowship with Christ

IX. Immediate Presence, Future Resurrection

2 Corinthians 5:8 NIV We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8

Verse:

“To be away from the body is to be at home with the Lord.”

Teaching Notes

- .Believers go immediately to Christ
- .Resurrection completes redemption
- .Salvation includes body, soul, and spirit

X. Living in Light of Resurrection Hope:

Romans 8:18 NIV I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18

Verse:

“Our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

Application

- .Encouragement in suffering
- .Motivation for holiness
- .Confidence in death

Conclusion: The Christian Hope

- .Jesus rose physically
- .We will rise bodily
- .Death is defeated
- .Glory is certain

Closing Prayer:

**Lord God,
Thank You for the promise of
resurrection. Thank You that our hope is
not wishful thinking but rooted in the
risen Christ. Help us live today in light of
eternity, honoring You with our bodies
and trusting You in our suffering. Fix our
eyes on Jesus, the firstfruits of the
resurrection, and the guarantee of our
future glory. We give You all praise and
glory, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Question: do you know Jesus Christ
personally today?

Salvation Invitation:

I want to speak to anyone listening who
may not be certain about their relationship
with God.

Everything we have talked about today....the resurrection body, eternal life, victory over death....is only promised to those who are in Jesus Christ.

The Bible is very clear:

Resurrection glory is not automatic. It is a gift, received through **faith in Jesus Christ.**

The Problem We All Share

Romans 3:23 (NIV) "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Sin separates us from God.

It is not just what we do...it is who we are apart from Christ.

The Consequence of Sin

Romans 6:23a (NIV)

“For the wages of sin is death...”

Death is not only physical...it is eternal separation from God.

God’s Loving Solution

Romans 6:23b (NIV)

“But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Jesus Christ:

- .lived a sinless life
- .died on the cross for our sins
- .rose bodily from the grave
- .defeated death forever

Why the Resurrection Matters for You

1 Corinthians 15:17 (NIV) “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.”

But Christ has been raised.

That means:

- .forgiveness is available
- .eternal life is real
- .resurrection is guaranteed for believers

How to Be Saved:

Salvation is not earned by good works, religion, or church attendance.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- [9] not by works, so that no one can boast.

Your Response Matters....

Romans 10:9-10 NIV If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

This is a personal decision.
No one can make it for you.

Invitation to Respond

If you do not know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior,
or if you are unsure of your salvation,
you can settle that right now.

I invite you to pray this prayer...not as magic words,
but as a sincere **cry of faith** from your **heart to God**.

Prayer of Salvation:

**Father God,
I come to You knowing that I am a sinner
and that I cannot save myself.
I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of
God, that He died on the cross for my
sins, and that He rose bodily from the
grave. I turn from my sin and place my
trust in Jesus alone. Forgive me,
cleanses me, and make me new. Fill me
with Your Holy Spirit, and give me the
promise of eternal life. From this day
forward, I confess that Jesus Christ is
my Lord. I receive Your grace, Your
forgiveness, and Your salvation.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**



Encouragement for New Believers

If you prayed that prayer sincerely:

- .You are forgiven
- .You belong to Christ
- .Eternal life is yours
- .Resurrection glory awaits you

John 1:12 NIV Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-