

25 Features of our Resurrected Bodies

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Introduction

There is a resurrection of believers commonly termed the "rapture." The term "rapture" is not in the Bible but the fact of it happening is; only stated in other terms. Many other Christian doctrines such as "Glossolalia" (speaking in tongues), or "Second Advent" (the second coming of Jesus) are not in the Bible, nevertheless the truths they describe ARE in the Bible.

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- in a moment [Greek: Atomos - atomic second], in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore [because of this glorious fact and certainty about your future you can have present strength to be...], my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:51-58, NKJV). [Insertions in brackets by me for understanding.]

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep ["fallen asleep" is Jesus' and the New Testament writers' terminology for a believer dying. This is because believers don't really die; their spirits and souls go straight to heaven according to 2 Co 5:8. But their bodies die and await a future resurrection and reunion with their spirits and souls. According to 2 Co 5:1, they continue to live productive lives in heaven with a spiritual suit or "tabernacle" that resembles their former body.], lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus [when Jesus appears out of heaven into the air over planet earth to resurrect his church of believers, He will bring those Christians' spirits and souls who died earlier and have been in heaven with Him since that time]. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [Meaning that the bodies of those Christians already in heaven will rise first to meet Him and to be reunited with their spirits and souls that came with Him] Then we who are alive and remain [Christians who are still alive on planet earth when He comes; perhaps yours and my generation] shall be caught up [Greek word for caught up is "harpazo" from which we get the word "harpoon", thus depicting a forceful and sudden snatching away; hence the synonym "rapture"] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, NKJV).

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26, NKJV).

25 Features Of The Deluxe Fully Loaded Model Of Your Glorified Body

OUR RESURRECTED BODIES WILL BE LIKE...

1. Like Jesus' Glorified Body (Whatever Jesus' body is like after His resurrection, our bodies will be the same after our resurrection.)

For our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. (Philippians 3:20,21, KJV).

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. (Philippians 3:20,21, NKJV).

THE REST OF THIS STUDY GUIDE IS BUILT ON THE ABOVE FACTUAL PREMISE; THAT OUR FUTURE BODIES WILL BE ABLE TO DO WHAT HIS RESURRECTED BODY CAN PRESENTLY DO.

2. Same Body As Your Present One; But Marvelously Changed (With the same basic physical features but now glorified and immortalized.)

It will be a "New Body" only in the sense that the atomic and spiritual structure will be completely transformed and prepared for eternal dominion and service to God. It will be the same body but then with different characteristics and capabilities. The question that naturally arises is, "What about bodies which have decayed, or were buried at sea, or have been cremated or scattered to the winds, or eaten by wild animals, or whose bones have been scattered, flesh decomposed, and organically recomposed into something else or somewhere else?" The answer is that "God created man from the dust; so He can resurrect man from the dust." If God knows the very number of hairs on your head like Jesus said, then He knows where every cell, every atom, every raw material of every human body ever created is at this present moment. No Problem For God!

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"Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." (Luke 24:39, NKJV).

For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. [Even though this verse is talking about our heavenly suit that we shall put on if we die and go to heaven, it does show us that we will always have form and physical shape. We shall never be a blob of nebular vapour, or a chaotic mass of matter floating around in heaven without shape or form. No; you are YOU and I am I. We are made in the image and likeness of God. We will always look like ourselves; now, in heaven, and with our resurrected bodies. Thank God, however, that the extra pounds, the wrinkles, the physical weaknesses and blemishes will be GONE FOREVER! Amen!] For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. (2 Corinthians 5:1-4, NKJV).

3. Never Needs To Sleep (Doesn't get tired because self-energizing, Resurrection Life is coursing from within and throughout the body.)

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. (Revelation 7:15, NKJV).

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" (Revelation 4:8, NKJV).

4. Can Eat Food And Drink

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." (Revelation 2:7, NKJV).

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?" "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. (Luke 24:36-43, NKJV).

5. Has No Digestion System

Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them... (1 Corinthians 6:13, NKJV).

If the resurrected body can eat food but has no digestion system, then what happens to the food? Simple; it is instantaneously enjoyed

and consumed by the Resurrection Life that has supersaturated the glorified body. Praise God; no more Tums, Roloids, Indigestion, Kaopectate, Flu Shots, Obesity, or the like!

6. Has No Blood; But Does Have Bones

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. (1 Corinthians 15:50, NKJV).

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7. Can Never Die Again (Cannot be killed, diseased, damaged, or altered in any way.)

Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. (Romans 6:9, NKJV).

For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. (Hebrews 7:14-16, NKJV).

8. Has Telescopic Eyesight And Supernatural Hearing

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. (Revelation 21:10-26, NKJV).

9. Incapable Of Sin, Strife, Arguing, Failure; And Not Subject To Temptation

So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54-57, NKJV).

10. Incapable Of Feeling Sorrow Or Negative Emotions

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4, NKJV).

11. Incapable Of Crying

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12. Will Glow With An Aura Of Glory And Light

...He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. (Matthew 17:2, NKJV).

Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever. (Daniel 12:3, NKJV).

13. Instantaneously Transportable (Can walk through, so to speak, objects like walls)

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19, NKJV).

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" (John 20:17, NKJV).

Philip's Transportation experience was a foretaste or appetizer of how fast our bodies will be able to move in our future resurrected state: ...So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea. (Acts 8:38-40, NKJV).

14. Has Cloaking Ability ("Cloaking" a Trekie term for technological disguising of someone or something)

After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. (Mark 16:12, NKJV).

15. Has Instantaneous Powers Of Recognition

Notice that Peter instantaneously recognized Elijah and Moses even though Peter had never seen Elijah or Moses before. And there is no record that their names were told to the disciples. When one is "in the Spirit", in the supernatural realm, they KNOW, they RECOGNIZE: And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" -- because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid. And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves. Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (Mark 9:1-9, NKJV).

Mothers who have lost babies to miscarriages will instantly know and be known by their children who they never saw. Distant relatives, famous Bible personalities, and friends will instantly recognize one another.

16. Can Function In Heaven AND Earth

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. (Revelation 21:1-3, NKJV).

17. Can Never Get Sick

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4, NKJV).

18. Productive And Hard Working; But Never Grows Tired, Weak, or Even Sweats

And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. (Revelation 22:3, NKJV).

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. (Genesis 3:17, NKJV).

19. Perfect Faculties Of Judgement, Communication And Understanding

Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I

shall know just as I also am known. (1 Corinthians 13:8-12, NKJV).

20. Clothed In Beautiful Garments And Beautifully Decorated

And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. (Revelation 19:14, NKJV).

And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. (Revelation 19:8, NKJV).

21. Can Travel To Other Stars, Planets, Solar Systems, Galaxies

"But hold fast what you have till I come. "And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations-- `He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' --as I also have received from My Father; "and I will give him the morning star. (Revelation 2:25-28, NKJV).

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23. Beautiful And Majestic

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. (Ecclesiastes 3:11, NKJV).

24. Probably About 33 Years Old In Appearance And Stature (since Jesus was that age when He was resurrected)

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. (Philippians 3:20,21, NKJV).

25. Not Sexually Reproductive Or Married

"Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife does she become? For all seven had her as wife." And Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. "But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; "nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. (Luke 20:33-36, NKJV).

The marriage ends at death on earth.

This does not mean spouses won't be together or that families won't spend time together in heaven in their resurrected bodies. It does not mean that close relationships will end in heaven. Quite the contrary; there will be richer and fuller closeness of relationships in heaven. However, sexual reproduction will no longer exist; God's family will be complete. Sexual intimacy will be replaced with superior intimacy that far exceeds the pleasure of present sexuality. Its hard for us to imagine because of our limited finite human minds and fallen nature; but we can accept this by faith, knowing that all varieties of intimacies and relationships on earth are but a foretaste of those to come.