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ANYBODY WANT A BETTER BODY?



Did you go to the Bible Conference? If so, what were your favorite sessions?

SERMON REVIEW

We need to understand what our future, resurrection bodies will be like. This is critical, because in the minds of most Christians, the eternal state is going to be an ethereal, distant, spiritlike kind of existence that has no connection with this earth or who they are on this planet.

Keep in mind that you were created and designed to live on this earth. And as a believer, when Christ returns you will get a resurrected body like Jesus so you can live on this earth and in the new creation.

Your resurrection body will have continuity with the body you have now. Take a good look in the mirror, and realize that your new body is going to be something like the one you see. I fully expect to recognize, even though you will be remade. It is important to understand the continuity of our bodies between this life and the next.

Our resurrection is important because it shows the triumph of God over the effects of sin in our body and ultimately God's triumph over the effects of sin on creation. Our God is a restoration specialist. He completely restores and vastly improves the damage sin has done to us and this world.

- What parts of the message were new to you?
- What part did you find most helpful?
- What part was confusing?
- Of the application points, which one is most important for you to remember?

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Read Luke 24:36-43. Take note of the characteristics of Jesus' resurrected body. What can we learn from this passage regarding what our resurrected bodies will be like?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-44. What are the similarities and the differences between the body we have now and our resurrection body?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. When Christ returns, believers will be resurrected. How does the Bible describe this event?

Read Romans 8:18-26. Why is our resurrection important? How will our redemption ultimately change the order of things in nature?

DIGGING DEEPER

The tribulation is a future seven-year period of time when God will finish His discipline of Israel and finalize His judgment of the unbelieving world. The church, made up of all who have trusted in the person and work of the Lord Jesus to save them from being punished for sin, will most likely not be present during the tribulation. The church will most likely be removed from the earth in an event known as the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53). The church is saved from the wrath to come (1 Thessalonians 5:9). Throughout Scripture, the tribulation is referred to by other names such as the Day of the Lord (Isaiah 2:12; 13:6-9; Joel 1:15; 2:1-31; 3:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:2); trouble or tribulation (Deuteronomy 4:30; Zephaniah 1:1); the great tribulation, which refers to the more intense second half of the seven-year period (Matthew 24:21); time or day of trouble (Daniel 12:1; Zephaniah 1:15); time of Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30:7).

