

1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4

Lesson 10: Redemption of the Believer's body

1Thessalonians 4:13-18

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The Bible talks about some specific changes that will take place with your body at the catching away of the saints if you are a born-again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. Are you ready to go?

I. THE CATCHING AWAY (VS. 17)

- A. Man has been trying to get off the ground and out of this solar system since Genesis chapter 11.
- B. It is the Lord Himself who will travel from Heaven to earth's atmosphere to redeem our bodies.
- D. Jesus went to prepare a place (a body), not a mansion (John 14:1).
- E. We can be excited about our new glorified body, and yet our greatest desire is still to be with the Lord (2 Cor 5:8)
- F. Waiting for proof of the rapture before committing to Christ is not wise. You'll lose your soul when we shed our old bodies.

II. THE MORTAL, CORRUPTIBLE BODY

- A. It is a temporary tabernacle (2 Cor. 5:1), in which we groan. It is disposable.
 - Therefore, all attempts to improve or prolong the life of this body are futile (pointless).
- B. It is a vile body (Phil. 3:21)
 - We spend more time cleaning and garnishing and exercising our corruptible body, which will turn to dust, than we do feeding and strengthening our eternal soul.
 - The Bible says, "bodily exercise profiteth little." (1 Tim. 4:8). Because it won't last.
- C. This body hides our inner man so that nobody can see that we're a child of God (1 Jn. 3:1)

III. JESUS' GLORIFIED RESURRECTION BODY

- A. It is a material body (Luke 24:39, Jn. 20:27).
- B. Yet, not bound by physical laws (Jn 20:17, 19).
- C. Able to conceal His identity or change His appearance (Lk 24:16, 31)

IV. THE BELIEVER'S NEW GLORIFIED BODY

- A. It will be like Jesus' glorified body (1John 3:1-2, 1 Cor. 15:49, Phil 3:21, 2 Peter 1:4).
- B. When Jesus comes and we are changed, our inner man will not be hidden anymore (1 Jn. 3:2).
- C. We will not all look exactly alike. God's creation is full of variety. We will be alike in kind, differing in appearance (1 Cor. 15:35-42).
 - Man was created in the image of God, and yet not all men look alike. We were made after God's pattern.

PERSONAL NOTES 
