

Death, Dying, Heaven, and Hell pt 4 *Your Body After Death*

1. Your body was created from the dust and will return to the dust.

Ecclesiastes 3:20 (NASB)

²⁰ All go to the same place. All came from the dust and all return to the dust.

2. Your body will be resurrected at the second coming of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ 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..

- a. The resurrected body will be a body resurrected, not recreated.

Job 19:25-26 (NASB)

²⁵ "As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.

²⁶ "Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I shall see God;

Job 19:26 (KJV)

²⁶ And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

Isaiah 26:19 (NASB)

¹⁹ Your dead will live; Their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy, For your dew is as the dew of the dawn, And the earth will give birth to the departed spirits.

Thomas Watson

At the resurrection every soul shall have its own body; the same body that dies shall arise. Some hold that they should be clothed with a new body, but then it were improper to call it a resurrection of the body it should be called the recreation of the body

Pelagius: Some claim that there is a resurrection of the soul but not of the body, though this makes no sense. How can there be a resurrection of something which has not fallen into the ground and died.

Hebrews 11:18-19 (NASB)

¹⁹ He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, ...

Jude 1:9 (NASB)

⁹ But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses...

Charles Spurgeon

An angel standeth night and day to watch each bone and guard each atom, that at the resurrection those bodies, with more glory than they had on earth, that someday they will rise and dwell forever with the lord

Hebrews 11:35 (NASB)

³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection;

- b. Every molecule of every person still remains on earth and will be put back together in a glorified state.

Revelation 20:12-13 (NIV)

¹³. The sea gave up the dead that were in it.... ¹². The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

The doctrine of the resurrection is too deep for reason to wade; you must let faith swim

Romans 8:23 (NIV)

²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

- c. Christ's resurrection is the tip of the sword because it unfolds the glory of God, by God putting everything back together at the final resurrection.

My Dads burial

193 million from 1900 to 2015

180 million American graves face east

93%

Romans 8:19-22 (NASB)

¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26 (NASB)

also in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 (NASB)

⁵⁵ "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING O GRAVE, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?"

John 11:25 (NASB)

²⁵"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

- d. The Bible gets a little **grumpy** if we start insinuating that **people** are **not** raised from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (NIV)

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

What is the first thing you recognize in this passage: Paul is in a grumpy mood

¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

3. Resurrected bodies are characterized as **powerful, glorious,** and **eternal**. Perfectly suitable for **heaven**.

John 20:26 (NASB)

²⁶ After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus *came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Luke 24:36-39 (NASB)

³⁶ While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and *said to them, "Peace be to you."

³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit.

³⁸ And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

³⁹ "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

Philippians 3:21 (NASB)

²¹ who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

1 Corinthians 15:53-55 (NASB)

⁵³ For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.

⁵⁵ "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

4. Resurrected bodies are **visible**, **recognizable**, carrying earthly scars, and can be **touched**.

John 20:26-27 (NASB)

²⁶ After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus *came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace *be* with you."

²⁷ Then He *said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing."

1 Corinthians 15:35-40 (NASB)

³⁵ But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?"

³⁶ You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies;

³⁷ and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

³⁸ But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own.

³⁹ All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one *flesh* of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.

⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the *glory* of the earthly is another.

5. Is it okay according to the Bible to cremate a deceased loved one?

2 Kings 23:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ Now when Josiah turned, he saw the graves that *were* there on the mountain, and he sent and took the bones from the graves and burned *them* on the altar and defiled it according to the word of the LORD..

Proverbs 16:2 (NASB)

² All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the LORD weighs the motives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NASB)

¹² For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.