

The Correspondent



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Does God Respect Your Sacrifice?

-Renn Ferguson

A man was studying the Bible with his two young daughters one day. They were on the topic of angels. He was explaining to them that angels in the Bible are much different than angels in the movies and other common representations of them. Throughout the course of the study they also addressed the idea that we do not become angels when we die. However, we do change and put on a new body. Upon hearing this, one of his daughters said "I don't want a new body. I look pretty good in this one."

The scriptures primarily teach us about how to live here on this earth. Which makes sense seeing that what we do here directly influences where we will be. There is much less about heaven, and the afterlife than what we might like. Yet, there is sufficient information to excite the mind and heart for what will be.

One such piece of information is the new body. Paul wrote of this in 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. Notice specifically verse 51-53, "Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet' For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.' (ESV) This physical body is temporal, filled with pain, susceptible to disease and will ultimately return to the dust from which it was formed. However, when we are resurrected that body will be changed to be immortal and imperishable.

Not only this, but as John states, " Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2, ESV). Though we do not yet fully understand what we will be we know that we will be like Christ!

How wonderful it will be to put on that new body. For the perishable to put on the imperishable, the mortal the immortal. How wonderful it will be to share form and eternity with Christ!

Connections

The Conclusion of the Matter Podcast



Hosts: Ryan Weaver and Renn Ferguson
(soon to include Robbie Santiago).

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