

The Rapture Our Glorified Bodies

I. Review:

1. Jesus leaves the Father's Throne.
2. He brings the souls and spirits of New Testament saints with Him (1 Thes. 4:14).
3. This is selective: "those that sleep through Jesus."
4. The Lord will issue an order specifying that only the dead in Christ will rise "firstly" (1 Thes. 4:16).
5. The first trump of God announces the resurrection of the bodies that sleep (1 Thes. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15:52).
6. This is the first type of resurrection— "out from among dead ones" (1 Cor. 15:20; Rom. 6:5-9; Rev. 20. 4-6).
7. The Archangel will tell Satan to let the resurrected bodies come through his domain (1 Thes. 4:16).
8. Both sets of glorified bodies will be caught up together in clouds of believers (Thes. 4:17).

II. The glorified body of New Testament saints.

1. Each Christian will have a glorified body similar to Christ's body (1 Jn. 3:2).
2. Each Christian's body:
 - 1) Will be changed (1 Cor. 15:51-52).
 - 2) Will be changed outwardly (Phil. 3:21).
 - 3) Will be changed to outwardly reflect the inward quality
 - 4) (Phil 3:21).
 - 5) Will be changed to be like His body of glory.

III. The metaphor of the seed (1 Cor. 15:37-50).

1. When you bury/plant a seed like wheat and it grows it does not look like the seed (vv. 37-38).
2. The human body is sown as one type of body and will be raised as another type of body (v. 37).
3. The changes contrasted:

Corruptible	Incarnate
No value	Full value
Weak	Inherent power
Soulish	Spiritual (human)
Like the 1 st Adam	Like the last Adam—Christ
Out of the earth	Out of heaven
Earthly image	Heavenly image
Flesh and blood	Flesh and bones (Lu. 24:39)
Mortal	Immortal