

The Physical Body

Before the fall

- Created from the dust of the ground - Gen 2:7
- Made in the image and likeness of God - Gen 1:26
- God saw and beheld that man, whom he created, "was very good" - Gen 1:31
- Had fellowship with and walked in the garden with God
- Was naked but did not "know" it - Gen 2:26

After the fall and before finding Christ

- Knew good and evil, eyes were opened, and knew was naked and was ashamed - Gen 3:7
- Hid from the presence of the Lord, was afraid of God due to nakedness - Gen 3:8,10,13
- Woman's pain multiplied greatly in childbirth - Gen 3:16
- Man must work and sweat to earn food, and destined to return to the dust ground and die - Gen 3:19
- Cast out of the garden so that cannot take and eat from tree of life and live forever - Gen 3:22, 23
- Body of sin, body of death, body is enslaved to sin, sin reigns in the body - Romans 6:6, Romans 5:21, Romans 7:24, James 2:26
- Sinful passions aroused by the Law of God in the members of our body and bear fruit for death - Romans 7:5,11. "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law" 1 Cor 15:56
- Body acts to preserve and protect itself
- Lusts and seeks pleasure - 1 John 2:16, 1 Peter 4:3, etc.

After being joined to Christ - Current Application

- We have been crucified and resurrected with Christ - Romans 6
- No longer enslaved by and ruled by the power of sin, however the law of sin is still present in our members/body and wages war against the law of God in our inner man - Romans 6:6-7, 7:22-23
- We are to no longer obey the lusts of the body and use it as an instrument of unrighteousness - Romans 6:12:13
- Our body and its members are to be used as instruments of righteousness to God - Romans 6:13
- Our bodies are members of Christ and temples of The Lord, bought with a price, and we are to glorify God with our bodies - 1 Cor 6:15,19, 20
- We *became* slaves of righteousness, and are to present our members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification - Romans 6:18, Romans 6:19
- Though our body is dead and dying because of the law of sin in our members, Christ in us has made our spirit joined to His and alive unto righteousness (Romans 8:10)
- His Spirit dwelling in us gives our mortal bodies life when led by the Spirit, allowing our bodies to be instruments of righteousness (Romans 8:11)
- It is by and through the Spirit that we are able to put to death the deeds of the body (Romans 8:13,14). "dying to your self", "taking up your cross daily"
 - *"always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you"* 2 Cor 4:10-12
- *"Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship."* - Rom 12:1

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- *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”*
2 Cor 5:10

Our new, resurrection body to come - Future Encouragement

- Because of our struggles with our physical bodies, we groan inwardly, persevere, and wait eagerly for the redemption of our body (Romans 8:23-25)
- *“Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”* (1 John:2-3)
- There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies (1 Cor 15:40)

Earthly Body	Heavenly/Resurrection Body	Verses
Perishable	Imperishable	“So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body” 1 Cor 15:42
Dishonor	Glory	“it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory” 1 Cor 15:43
Weakness	Power	“it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power” 1 Cor 15:43
Natural	Spiritual	“it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body” 1 Cor 15:44
Bears the image of the earthly	Bears the image of the heavenly	“Just as we have borne the image of the earthly, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.” 1 Cor 15:49
Flesh and Blood	Spiritual	“flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable” 1 Cor 15:50
Mortal	Immortal	“For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality” 1 Cor 15:53
Earthly tent	Eternal building from God, from heaven	“For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” 2 Cor 5:1

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Body of our humble state	Body of His glory	"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 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." Phil 3:20-21
Naked	Clothed	"inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked . For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life." 2 Cor 5:4-5
Absent from the Lord	Home with the Lord	"Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord —for we walk by faith, not by sight — we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. <u>Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.</u> " 2 Cor 5:9

"Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will 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 will be changed." 1 Cor 15: 51-52

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thes 4:16-18

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. - 1 Thes 5:23-24