

# *Mt. Lebanon Church.*

The Natural Body, The Spiritual Body – Bible Study – Part 6

The Spiritual Body

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you have run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the bible study.

## 1 Corinthians 15: 35 – 58

1 Corinthians 15: 44,....there is a natural body, there is a spiritual body....

The spiritual body, our new body, is glorified and powerful. It is made of immaterial, heavenly things. It exist, easily in eternity, for it is eternal and immortal. The resurrected body is spiritual in the sense, that it is made to fit in the spiritual heavenly realm, while still having a solid physical form. It is beyond, normal, physical abilities, it is, capable of doing both physical and supernatural deeds. As Christians, we understand, only God, is able to transform a person from the natural body to the spiritual body.

1 Corinthians 15: 50,....flesh and blood cannot enter the kingdom of God....

This is referring to our natural body, as it is now, cursed under sin.

Christ himself gives us examples of what the spiritual body will be like:

**John 20: 19,....**when the doors were shut....Jesus came and stood in the midst....

Christ, whom, himself is referred to as the door of the sheep, will not be stopped by locked doors. He comes not to confront his disciples, or us for our failures, but to grant all peace through salvation.

**John 20: 26 – 29,....**Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst....reach your fingers here, and look at my hands, and reach your hand here, and put in my side....

Christ was generous and merciful to Thomas, even though he had a lot of unbelief. Although Christ was not in the room when Thomas was saying these things, he knew what Thomas had been saying, God knows all things.

**Psalms 139: 4,....**for there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, you know it all together....

Christ, who is generous and merciful to those of unbelief, he will not praise mankind for his unbelief, but, wants to move us from the doubt and unbelief of the world, to faith.

Doubt and unbelief are not a desired condition for the believer, they should never be thought of as part of our spiritual destination. Our spiritual destination should be one of Christ love, his sacrifice, and his victory.

Another example:

**Luke 24: 36 – 43,....**have ye any food here....and he took it, and ate it in their presence....

Like the disciples, sometimes we cannot fully grasp the things that God beholds, which comes through the resurrected Christ.

Christ did not ask for food just to show them that he was alive and real, and not just a spirit of some kind. Although, Christ did not need to eat to sustain his resurrected body, the disciples did need it, to sustain their life. Christ needed to remind them, that their life needed to continue on in this world for service to him. By sharing a meal with them, he was teaching them, that even though he was leaving this world, that he would be with them in taking care of their daily needs.

**John 6: 26 – 27,....**do not labor for food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life....

This scripture shows us the challenge of the church today. People are spending too much time seeking free food and not the spiritual truth.

As soon as Christ begins to explain to us, and to teach us, about the servitude of our Christian life, we lose interest.

Christ teaches us that material things will fade away, his real purpose for our lives, and the lives of those around us, is eternal life. We should not attempt to keep people coming to church with entertainment and free gifts, we should stick to the truth of the gospel of the salvation of Jesus Christ, allow the Holy Spirit to work in their lives, so that they may choose how that they will respond to Christ.

So, let us move on:

**Philippians 3: 20 – 21,....**our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the savior....who will transform our lowly body, that it may be conformed to his glorious body....

Our ultimate destiny does not have anything to do with this world, yet we live so intently for this world. Our ultimate destiny is in the Lord in heaven.

Instead of focusing on the temporary things of this earth, our trust should be in Christ, and in patiently waiting for his return for his church. We should live holy lives, in preparation for his return, sharing the gospel, so that all may spend eternity with God.

Our eternal home is a gift from God, it comes through faith in Christ and the cross. It does not depend upon our qualities in this world, but upon his heavenly workmanship.

The transforming of our bodies is possible due to the God that we serve is omnipotent, all powerful.

We belong to Christ, so we trust in him, that he will give us a new spiritual body. When we are raised from the dead or changed at the rapture of the church, we will have a body like Christ.

**1 Corinthians 15: 51 – 52,....**we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye....

Our new bodies, will no longer have any desires which are contrary to Gods will. Our new bodies will want to do what is right, and good, all the time, and will do so throughout eternity.

Our resurrected body, is for Gods glory and honor, and is possible, considering, it will be free from the capacity of sin.

Our natural body, God designed only for this life that we live here on earth, our resurrected body, is spiritual, and designed for eternity, and suited for living in the presence of God.

Death is not an obstacle to the resurrection, it is essential, and necessary to it.

The body must die, just as the seed must die.

**1 Corinthians 15: 36,....**what you sow is not made alive unless it dies....

The body that emerges is different from the one that is buried. It is a miracle that takes place, that is so familiar, that we miss the miraculous part of it.

**1 Corinthians 15: 52,....**at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed....

Just as the physical being comes before the spiritual being, the natural birth before the spiritual birth, so must our bodily resurrection take place before our spiritual resurrection.

Christ, who is our example, was the very first to be resurrected in a body of flesh and bone to an eternal, immortal life, to show us in like manner, how we will be raised, or resurrected in incorruptible bodies, and since his blood was shed on the cross to pay the price for our sins, then his resurrected body, like ours, will be raised with the spirit of God following within, and the breath of life which comes from God.

Christ, who is our example, was born on this earth in a natural body, for the sole purpose of becoming the sacrificial lamb, for the redemption of sin, so that we might have eternal life.

**John 10: 10,....**I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly....

On the cross, Christ blood was shed for humanity, the blood from the natural body, which represents the worldlines of humanity being done away with, and the water which represents the spirit of God that takes its place.

**John 19: 34,....**but one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out....

The blood of Christ which washes away our sins, and the water, or spirit of God, which gives us new life eternal.

The shed blood of Christ, used for an atonement, of the sinfulness of the world for all mankind.

**Leviticus 17: 11,....**for the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you, upon the alter, to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul....

Christ blood, the only blood ever shed, that can forgive sin. A symbol of his love, mercy, and grace, the suffering which he endured, when he came down from heaven, to live on earth as a man. A symbol of the sins of man flowing from the body of Christ, something that would never return unto him, he only needed to become the sacrifice once. His resurrected body, now being filled with the spirit, which flows through the body of Christ once more, will flow through our spiritual resurrected bodies, never again to have the blood of the world. Christ, freed us from the dependency of the natural body and blood when he was crucified upon the cross.

**1 John 5: 4 – 8,....**for whatever is born of God, overcomes the world....this is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not only by water, but, by water and blood....

Through salvation, and who we are in Christ, is how we overcome the world, it has nothing to do with what we do as the natural man.

**Revelation 3: 21,....**to him who overcomes, I will grant to sit with me on my throne, as I also overcame and set down with my father on his throne....

Christ, who came by the way of the Holy Spirit, was born into flesh and blood, becoming one of mankind, to completely identify with sinful humanity, to lay down his life, to save us from sin, which is separation from God.

Christ did not die on the cross because he had to, he came by blood, so that he could stand in our place, and take the punishment of sin, which we deserved.

**Revelation 1: 18,....**I am he who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive for ever more, Amen. And I have the keys of death and hell....

The word, compares the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in heaven, to the spirit, water, and blood here on earth. The three in heaven, their actions and everything that they do, they do as being complete in one. The three on earth do everything together, in agreement as one, according to the will of the father in heaven, whose actions are as one.

The spirit, or the Holy Spirit, given to us by God through Christ, has a great effect upon mankind during this grace dispensation period.

**John 16: 5 – 15,....**he will guide you into all truth....

**1 Corinthians 2: 10,....**for the spirit searches all things, yes the deep things of God....

Before the foundation of the world, God planned a family, and a relationship, based upon his love with that family. However, this relationship could only become possible through the cross. In order, for mankind to understand the cross, he had to understand Gods wisdom. In order, for man to understand Gods wisdom, it must start by faith. It is the Holy Spirit that reveals this truthfulness, making it possible for us to believe in something that we cannot observe with our own physical senses.

The water, is a sign from God, of the cleansing that gives eternal life through the salvation of Jesus Christ.

**John 1: 29 – 34,....**I saw the spirit descending from heaven, descending like a dove, and remained upon him. I did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, upon whom you see the spirit descending, and remaining upon him, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit....

John the Baptist, direction from God, was one of preaching repentance unto salvation, waiting for the messiah to come. When the messiah was to appear, he would see the Holy Spirit upon him, and would baptize with this Holy Spirit, in contrast to the water baptism that he was providing. The spiritual baptism would become complete through the crucifixion and the resurrection, and the giving of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

The blood, the sinless blood of Christ, shed on the cross, for the redemption of sin, which brings us into salvation and the hope of eternal life.

**Hebrews 9: 12 – 14**,....but, with his own blood he entered the most holy place for all, having obtained eternal redemption....how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit, offered himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works, to serve the living God.

Christ, who offered a single, one time, sacrifice, which was his own perfect and sinless life, to save mankind from their sins, changing them, which only his blood could provide.

Mankind, sold into slavery by Adam, in the garden of Eden. Adam who had full authority and possession of the earth, sold, or gave his birthright to Satan when he ate from the tree that God had instructed him not to. Adam done this by his own free will. In order, for the birthright to be redeemed, it needed to be purchased back by a family member, which is Christ, who came in the flesh, fully man and fully God. He was born a natural man into the family of humanity, so that he could redeem mankind and the birthright given to him by God. This makes Christ the most significant person in all of humanity. The eternal God and savior of the world, the reason we have our life in him, and the reason we have been eternally redeemed, the reason we will one day be transformed from this natural body to a spiritual body like his, from fully man to fully God.

To be continued with the spiritual body in Heaven.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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