

## ***Session 9 The Beauty of God in Our Resurrected Body***

### **I. THE BEAUTY OF GOD’S HUMILITY**

- A. The beauty that Jesus possesses is the very beauty that He imparts to His people. It starts in this age and comes to fullness in the age to come, especially in our resurrected bodies.

<sup>1</sup>***The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me...<sup>3</sup> to give them beauty for ashes. (Isa. 61:1-3)***

<sup>17</sup>***Let the beauty of the LORD...be upon us, and establish the work of our hands... (Ps. 90:17)***

<sup>4</sup>***For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation. (Ps. 149:4)***

- B. The good news of gospel is that Jesus died and rose; thus, all who believe in Him will be raised. Jesus’ resurrection made a way for us to be with Him and enjoy Him and His beauty forever.

<sup>3</sup>***For I delivered to you first of all that...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,***  
<sup>4</sup>***and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures... (1 Cor. 15:3-4)***

- C. ***Firstfruits***: Jesus was the first man to conquer all the enemies of the human race—including death. Jesus is the prototype, the first member of a new order of people who triumph over death. He is the *pledge*, or *guarantee*, that His people will receive a resurrected body like His.

<sup>20</sup>***Christ is risen...and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep [died]... (1 Cor. 15:20)***

- D. At the rapture, all of God’s family will be resurrected to be *with Him forever*.

<sup>16</sup>***The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout...And the dead in Christ will rise first.<sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thes. 4:16-17)***

- E. Our grace-inspired choices for love and godly character are aspects of His beauty imparted in us. God sees humility as incorruptible beauty, that is, beauty which will never diminish.

<sup>4</sup>***...let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle [humble] and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. (1 Pet. 3:4)***

- F. God will give us a resurrected body that will be conformed to Jesus’ own resurrected body. The Father “custom designed” Jesus’ body, giving Him the best design possible. We will be like Him in spirit, soul, body, mind, emotions, and in the dwelling in which we live.

<sup>21</sup>***...will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body... (Phil. 3:21)***

<sup>2</sup>***...we shall be like Him...<sup>3</sup> Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself... (1 Jn. 3:2-3)***

- G. Jesus' resurrected body radiates glorious light that is brighter than the sun (Isa. 24:23; Hab. 3:4; Jn. 8:12; Acts 26:13-14; Heb. 1:3; Rev. 1:16; 21:24; 22:3-5).  
<sup>16</sup> *...and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. (Rev. 1:16)*  
<sup>2</sup> *He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun... (Mt. 17:2)*
- H. The Lord clothes Himself with majesty—covering Himself with garments of radiant light (Ps. 104:1-2).  
<sup>2</sup> *...You are clothed with honor and majesty, <sup>2</sup>Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment... (Ps. 104:1-2)*
- I. The saints are beautified with God's light and glory (Dan. 12:3; Mt. 13:43).  
<sup>3</sup> *The...wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament...like stars forever. (Dan. 12:3)*  
<sup>43</sup> *The righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (Mt. 13:43)*
- J. The resurrection speaks of transforming the same body that died, not creating a completely new body. There is continuity between one's physical body that dies and their resurrected body which includes each one's unique personality, genetics, and appearance brought to perfection.
- K. Paul highlighted five qualities of our resurrected body that will affect all of our abilities.  
<sup>42</sup> *The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body... <sup>53</sup>For...this mortal must put on immortality. (1 Cor. 15:42-53)*  
*1. Corruption, but raised in incorruption: Vitality and strength replace sickness and decay.*  
*2. Dishonor, but raised in glory: Purity and honor replace failure, shame, and dishonor.*  
*3. Weakness, but raised in power: Safety and prosperity replace injustice, vulnerability, and pain.*  
*4. Natural body, but raised a spiritual body: Supernatural capacities replace natural ones.*  
*5. Mortality puts on immortality: Unending life and love replace physical death and loss.*
- L. One overall truth that affects all the activities in our resurrected bodies is the removal of sadness.  
<sup>4</sup> *God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain... (Rev. 21:4)*
- M. We will live in a material, resurrected body on a material earth with the supernatural abilities of the resurrection. We will eat real food and drink real drink. We will not have all knowledge, but will learn little by little. We will work with a deep sense of purpose in partnership with God. We will meet new people, grow in relationship with them, and introduce them to others.

## II. THE GLORY IN JESUS' RESURRECTED BODY

- A. Jesus could veil His glory fully or partially or unveil it to show His terrifying glory (Rev. 1:17; Lk. 24:37). At times, Jesus was not recognized as He veiled His resurrection glory, and He could suddenly appear or vanish from sight (Lk. 24:16, 31; Jn. 20:14-15; 21:4).

*<sup>15</sup>While they conversed...Jesus Himself drew near and went with them [to Emmaus]. <sup>16</sup>Their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him...<sup>31</sup>Their eyes were opened and they knew Him; He vanished...<sup>33</sup>They...returned to Jerusalem...<sup>35</sup>They told about the things that had happened...<sup>36</sup>As they said these things, Jesus stood in the midst of them... (Lk. 24:15-36)*

- B. Jesus' resurrected body has "supernatural flesh" with bones and has the capacity to eat food.

*<sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?" <sup>39</sup>Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have..."<sup>41</sup>He said to them, "Have you any food here?"<sup>42</sup>So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish...<sup>43</sup>He took it and ate in their presence. (Lk. 24:38-43)*

*<sup>40</sup>Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly <sup>41</sup>...to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead."  
(Acts 10:40-41)*

- C. We will take pleasure in the positive side of hunger and thirst without the pain of lack. Believers will have the pleasure of eating and drinking with Jesus in the New Jerusalem.

*<sup>15</sup>"I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup>for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God...<sup>18</sup>I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes...<sup>29</sup>I bestow upon you a kingdom...<sup>30</sup>that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging...Israel." (Lk. 22:15-30)*

- D. John added details to the events occurring in Luke 24. Jesus walked through the wall to enter a room when the doors were shut (Jn. 20:19, 26). He showed them the scars in His hands, feet, and side (Jn. 20:27). During His third appearance, He prepared a fire and cooked fish (Jn. 21:9-14).

*<sup>19</sup>When the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled...Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."<sup>20</sup>...He showed them His hands and His side... (Jn. 20:19-20)*

*<sup>24</sup>Thomas...was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup>...He said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."<sup>26</sup> After eight days His disciples were again inside...Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst...<sup>27</sup> He said to Thomas, "...reach your hand here, and put it into My side." (Jn. 20:24-27)*

- E. Jesus appeared to His disciples to teach them for forty days and then traveled on a cloud.

*<sup>3</sup>He presented Himself alive after His suffering...being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God...<sup>9</sup> While they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. (Acts 1:3, 9)*

- F. Our five senses will be enhanced by the supernatural power of the Spirit in our:
1. **Sight**: seeing clearly at a distance or at close range
  2. **Hearing**: at distances and with great perception and perfect balance, etc.
  3. **Taste**: enjoyment of food and water to the fullest degree (1 Cor. 10:31; Rev. 22:1-2)
  4. **Touch**: to have glorified physical senses to feel the glory of God
  5. **Smell**: to enjoy and stir remembrance of important moments of our lives
- G. We will possess supernatural abilities:
1. **To think**: to learn, grow in understanding, and to remember
  2. **In health**: There will be no fatigue or lack of energy, nor sickness nor death.
  3. **In strength**: expressed in our speed, endurance, and strength in lifting objects
  4. **In the material realm**: modes of travel and passing through walls like Jesus did?
  5. **To communicate**: to speak, sing, and play musical instruments, etc. Our communication skills will be deep and clear without mistakes, as we will fully comprehend another's intent.
- H. Our history with people will be cherished (2 Cor. 4:14; 1 Thes. 2:19; cf. Phil. 2:16; Lk. 16:9).  
<sup>19</sup>*What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? (1 Thes. 2:19)*  
  
<sup>14</sup>*knowing that He...will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. (2 Cor. 4:14)*
- I. Each believer will receive a different measure of glory in their resurrected body. There will be a vast range of degrees of glory including those who are called the least and greatest (Mt. 5:19).  
<sup>41</sup>*For one star differs from another star in glory. <sup>42</sup>So also is the resurrection of the dead. (1 Cor. 15:41-42)*
- J. A core part of the identity of a believer is in being an “heir” or “son of the resurrection.”  
<sup>36</sup>*...they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. (Lk 20:36)*
- K. The Bible gives us only seeds of truth about the nature of our resurrected bodies, but they are enough to anchor our soul.  
<sup>19</sup>*This hope we have as an anchor of the soul... (Heb. 6:19)*
- L. Our response to the beauty and glory of the resurrection is to live steadfast and immovable.  
<sup>58</sup>*Therefore...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Cor. 15:58)*