

We Will Be Like Christ!

The power of Christ's resurrected and glorified body is unlimited in the scope of its activity. It is not bound by natural laws; it operates according to higher spiritual laws.

In his new body, Christ could exist on the earth or in the heavenly realm equally as well, and . . . we will be like him!

Philippians 3:20 and 21 AV

For our conversation [citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Does God's Word teach us that we are to look for death as our entrance into glory or are we to look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ? We are to look for our Savior. At his coming, the Lord will change our body of humiliation so that it will be fashioned like his glorious body.

Where is our citizenship? We are the citizens of heaven. While we are here on earth, we are ambassadors and represent our true home in the heavenlies. When our lord returns for us he will take us to our true home in the heavenlies.

II Thessalonians 2:14 AV

Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What was God's purpose in calling us? He called us to obtain the glory of our lord Jesus Christ! This is our Father's desire. All of His plans for the Church are to this end.

Romans 8: 29 Weymouth

For those whom He has known beforehand He has also pre-destined to bear the likeness of His Son, that He might be the Eldest in a vast family of brothers;

Who decided that we will be conformed to the image of God's Son, that we will bear his likeness? God determined it. If no one believes it, it is still the truth of God's Word. God's grace and love for His children is beyond anything we could ask or think.

In the United States, Chief Justices are appointed to rule on constitutional issues. Their decisions are made in light of a longer view of time – centuries. Our Heavenly Father took eternity into account when He made this ruling about His children; not mere centuries. He ruled that we will bear the likeness of His Son.

Ephesians 1:13 and 14 AV

In Whom [Christ] ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in Whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.

Until we receive our inheritance in Christ, we are sealed with the holy spirit. The gift of the holy spirit is God's down payment to us of the full inheritance that is ours in Christ.

Our inheritance encompasses everything that is ours in Christ from the time we receive the holy spirit, to the time we receive the redemption of our bodies at his coming, to our glorification with Christ.

It will take our Father the ages to come to fully demonstrate the riches of His grace to us which He has purposed in Christ. Our inheritance embraces "every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ".

Ephesians 4:30 AV

And grieve not the Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

We are told twice in Ephesians that we are sealed. We are sealed with the gift of the holy spirit, the spirit of God. It is the down payment against our inheritance. We are sealed for the day of redemption; the day that we will receive our inheritance. That is the day that our lord will return and gather us together into the heavenlies.

The day is approaching that Christ will return and we will not only be with him, but we will be like him! Would you not agree that this is utterly extraordinary? This marvelous hope of glory is ours in Christ.

Ephesians 4:13 AV

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

This will not occur until Christ returns for the Church. Note the measure that we will receive, ". . . unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ".

When Christ returns for us, we will attain the salvation for which we have long hoped.