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The Resurrection and the Return Pt 2

John 20:3-8 Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. 4 So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. 5 And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed.

The miracle of the Resurrection is not bringing a dead person back to life; it is being raised in a glorified body, one that will never die again. Jesus is the "firstfruit" risen from the dead in a glorified body, thus defeating Death, Hell and the grave. There was no need for anyone to remove his linen cloths because He transcended through them.

Jesus brought Lazarus back to life, but Lazarus died several years later. He did not have a glorified body.

John 11:43-44 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

The Disciples brought people back to life through the power of the Holy Spirit

Acts 9:36-37 At Joppa there was a **certain disciple** named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. 37 But it happened in those days that **she became sick and died**.

Acts 9:40-43 But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. 41 Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

Acts 20:9-12 And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and **was taken up dead**. 10 But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him." 11 Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed. 12 And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted.

We Get a Glorified Body, a Resurrected Body at the Second Coming, the Return of Christ

1 Cor 15:20-28 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the **resurrection of the dead**. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be **made alive**. 23 But each one in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming**.

The Last Enemy Destroyed is Death

24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the **kingdom** to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 **The last enemy that will be destroyed is death**. 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.

Jesus came to establish His Kingdom on Earth, like it is in Heaven. The Saints that are now in Heaven with Jesus, will be coming back to Earth to reign with Christ for His millennial reign (**Rev 20:4**). During the Tribulation, not everyone will perish. There will still be people who were not saved, but are still alive. We will rule with Christ as His Kings and Priests (**Rev 5:8-10**) in our glorified bodies.

We Shall Bear the Image of Jesus!

1 Cor 15:42-49 So also is the **resurrection** of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. 43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, **we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.**

When Jesus is Revealed at His Return, We Shall Be Like Him

1 John 3:2-3 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is **revealed, we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Now we are "children of God." Soon the Church will have fully matured into the "Sons of God."

Luke 20:34-36 Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. 35 But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the **resurrection from the dead**, neither marry nor are given in marriage; 36 nor can they die anymore, for **they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.**

We Will be Sons of God, Sons of the Resurrection!!! All Creation Waits for the Revealing of the Sons of God!

Rom 8:18-24 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the **glory which shall be revealed in us**. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the **revealing of the sons of God**. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the **glorious liberty of the children of God**. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the **firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the **redemption of our body**.

Right now, we have the firstfruits of the Holy Spirit. One day our body will be transformed. The good news, right now our spirit is already transformed. Once we are born again, our spirit is immediately transformed and becomes one with the Spirit of God. Now we can transform our soul by renewing our mind.

Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Right now, we are being transformed into the image of our Lord as we go from glory to glory being led by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Cor 3:16-18 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Rom 8:14-17 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Our glorified bodies are coming, but right now we are being transformed into His image through the Holy Spirit if you are born again!