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What is a resurrected body?

*1 Corinthians 15:35-49*

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Our present body

a tent (2 Cor 5:2) – a clay pot (2 Cor 4:7) – fading grass (Isa 40:6-8) – flowers (James 1:9-11) – morning mist (James 4:14)

**Philippians 3:20**

20But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

**Colossians 3:4**

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**1 John 3:2**

Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

**1 Corinthians 15:20-23**

20But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

*The spiritual body is a superior replacement for the natural body (vs. 35-37)*

*God designs the nature of the spiritual body* (*vs.* 38-42a)

*The spiritual body is permanently fixed* (v. 42)

**Jude 1:24**

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy

*The spiritual body radiates brilliant light* (v. 43a)

**Revelation 1:12-18**

12Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

17When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

**Matthew 13:43**

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

*The spiritual body possesses power* (v. 43c)

*The spiritual body is guaranteed* (v. 44)

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