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## **“Raised a Spiritual Body”**

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Our resurrection from the dead stands as one of the greatest motivators to stay faithful to God. If time continues, we will all pass from life to death at some point. The Christian has the beautiful hope of being resurrected to be with Christ at the last day. We learn through Scripture that we will receive a new body. 1 Corinthians 15: 42-44 reads: *“So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.”*

Our natural body is sown a perishable body. Our current bodies are subject to disease, injury, pain, decay, and physical death. It is perishable. Our spiritual body, on the other hand, is imperishable, raised in power. Scripture tells us that our spiritual body will be like that of Christ's. John wrote, *“Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him because we will see Him as He is”* (1 Jn. 3:2). What great things God has planned for us as we remain loyal to Him and His ways!

John 5:25 says, *“Truly I tell you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.”* how great that day will be. Christians will hear the voice of the Son of God. The very Son of God, we worship, praise, honor, imitate, and seek in Scripture. We will receive a brand new, incorruptible body and we will be free from our old injury-prone, corruptible body (1 Cor. 15:42-44).

need to prepare for that day. We don't know when God will decide to send His Son Jesus back (1 Thess. 5:2). How can we prepare for this day that is coming?

, you must become a Christian. Only those who belong to Christ have the hope of receiving a spiritual body and being resurrected to be with the Lord (2 Thess. 1:10; 1 Thess. 4:14-18). You need to hear the gospel message (Rom. 10:17), believe that Jesus is the Son of God (Jn. 8:24), repent of your sins (Acts 2:38, 3:19), confess your faith in Christ (Rom. 10:9-10), and be baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of your sins (Rom. 6:3; Acts 2:38, 22:16). Once you're a Christian, you have all your past sins washed away, and you can serve the Lord with clean hands.

If you're already a Christian, you must continue to walk in the light (1 Jn. 1:5-10). Seek God's forgiveness when you slip up and repent and resolve to live righteously. Acts 2:42 says those on Pentecost *“continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine.”* us continue steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and *“work out your own salvation in fear and trembling”* (Phil. 2:12).

As you continue to walk in the Lord and set your hope in Him, you can look forward to receiving your spiritual body from the Lord!

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