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What happens when I die what I believe and why? Part 3

Question: What happens to a Christian when they die? Answer: Apostle Paul said in *2 Corinthians 5:6* *Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.* Also Paul said in *Philippians 1:23-24* that it was his desire to depart and be with Christ but to abide in the flesh was more needful for the people of Philippi. The soul and spirit of a human being according to the Bible will never be in a state of unconsciousness. Other proof is the event that Jesus told of the rich man and a beggar name Lazarus deaths in Luke chapter 16 verses 19 through 31 as I mentioned before. I believe this was a real occurrence that our Lord witnessed so when the body dies of those who belong to the Lord Jesus instantly their soul/spirit will be taken to Heaven in His presents awaiting the resurrection of their new glorified bodies.

Question: If we are waiting in heaven on our glorified bodies what kind of body will we have during that waiting period? The theological word is "intermediate state" The Bible doesn't give us much, if any details on what body our soul and spirit will have as we wait for our eternal bodies to be resurrected. You can rest assure that those who die before their bodies are resurrected will not be floating around like a cloud. When we reach heaven we will know those who have gone on before us and I believe we will be able to communicate with them according to the event of the transfiguration of Jesus in Luke 9:28 thru 36. Just can't believe that our Lord would have us as mutes or without any functions no matter what form He has us in.

The ones who belong to Jesus or the saved will receive glorified bodies. *1 Corinthians 15:42* *So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:43 It is sown in dishonour; 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.* It would do anyone well and be a tremendous blessing to study 1 Corinthians chapter 15.

Question: How will our glorified body be different from the body we have now in the flesh? The Bible doesn't go into detail about the glorified body that Christians will have. But always remember that Jesus is the first example of what we will be and we will have a body that will last forever. *1 John 3:2* *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

So, we could look at some of the events after Jesus resurrection in His glorified body and get a glimpse of some of the characteristics of how we will be. But of course we won't have the power that our Lord Jesus has but I believe that each will be given abilities that please God to do the things according to His will in serving Him for all eternity. But I also believe that we will be able to do extraordinary things compared to those things we do in the flesh. John chapter 20:19 thru 31 Jesus walked through a wall into a room where His Disciples were and also in Luke 24:40-43 Jesus ate a meal in fellowship with others. Jesus didn't need to eat to survive but to fellowship and prove He had defeated death by rising from the dead after His fleshly death on the cross that hundreds witnessed. Jesus said that He is the bread of life. John 6:51

Question: when will we receive our glorified bodies? (Resurrection means getting a glorified body just as Jesus was resurrected) There are different beliefs in when this will occur but this has more Biblical evidence to me than any of the others according to 1Thessalonians 4:16-17 and 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. So at the time of the Rapture those who have gone on before will be joined with their glorified body and those that are alive at that time will also be changed. *1 Corinthians 15:52* *In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.* The controversy in beliefs is the statement in this verse "at the last trump" Some understand "last trump" as the trump in Revelation in mid tribulation but, I find that this event of the resurrection is entirely different than any other trumpet event and besides we will be taken before the tribulation. Numbers chapter 10 God gives instruction to Israel by Moses while they were in the wilderness about the use of trumpets to call an assembly of the people and to set them moving toward the promise land. The first trumpet blast verse 4 of Numbers chapter 10 called the leaders together, while a continual blowing was an alarm for the people. A series of trumpet blasts was the signal for each group of tribes to begin their journey and the last blast indicated the movement of the last group at that time.

(Just a note: The Old Testament Saints and those who were saved and died during the 7 year Tribulation will be resurrected at the end of that 7 year period at the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus to rule this Earth.) The Rapture and Second Coming are 2 different events. Just make sure you're saved and Jesus will take care of the rest. Please contact me if you're uncertain.

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