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You may notice we don't pass an offering plate

We invite you to participate in the ministry, and the offering box in the foyer is for your gifts and offerings for the Lord's work.

- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -

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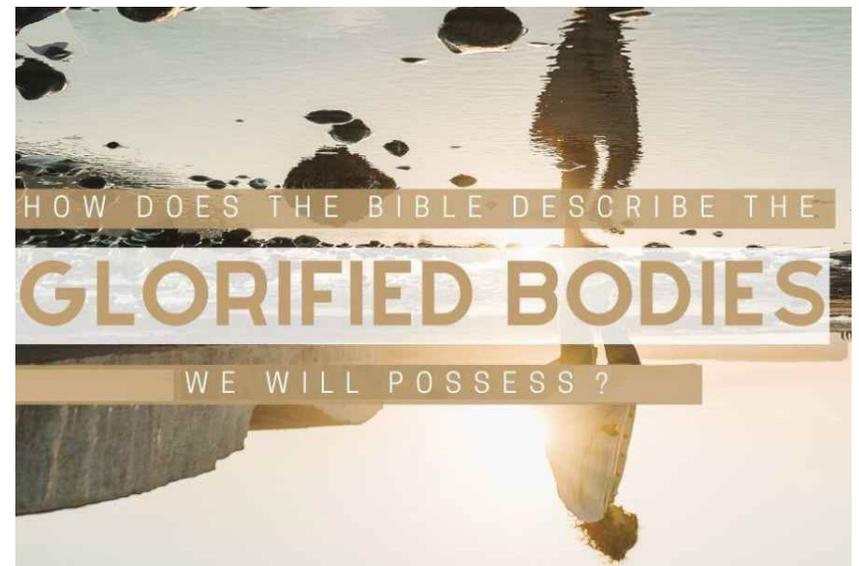
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Teaching -

Eric Peterman

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- May 1st, 2022 -

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We watched a *video the other day of a Ukrainian church choir in Lviv, composed of believers from all across their country. They were singing, "Because He Lives". And though the tune was familiar, the lyrics after the first verse were not. They were far richer, bolder and filled with the hope and expectation of the resurrection of the body. And their manner of singing had a raw urgency to it! My eyes filled with tears because I realized that in their situation of war and mortal uncertainty, our brothers and sisters were desperately and joyfully clinging to the certainty of glorious and happy life that far surpasses and outlasts this one!

*You can watch it here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6ficwDUyHc

**Our immortal future is, as the sons of God,
in the resurrection body of the glorified Jesus, the Son of God.**

v35-41, Varying kinds of flesh/bodies, with varying glories

- In this whole passage we will look at today Paul, with full conviction, asserts two things about our present bodies:

1. Our bodies are gravely subject (massive downgrade) to the corrupting and deadly effects of the fall.
2. Even Adam's perfect pre-fall, pre-sin body was not as glorious or wonderful as our resurrection bodies will be!

- You can see this in **Romans 8:18-24**

v42-43, The four contrasts and comparisons of our two bodies

- You have a **present body** and a **future body**, both of which are **really you, indeniably you!** ...
 - 1) Your **present** body is a body subject to all the degrading and inevitable forces of **mortality**. Your **future** body is filled with the principle of **Life and wholeness** and does not know decay or death! Your present body knows **insurance**, your future one knows **assurance!**

2) Your **present** body has the principle of dishonor, with its **fleshly and earthly desires**. Your **future** body is full of the **glory of God's light and life!** It is effulgent with the pure radiance of the Holy Spirit!

3) Your **present** body is **physically weak and subject to illness, breaking and break-down**. It must be constantly fed and must recuperate. It is subject to boredom. Your **future** body is full of **unrelenting power (dunamis)** and the **full capacity of pleasures, physical, mental, moral and spiritual!**

4) Your **present** body is **natural (soulical)** and focused on temporal, earthly, ultimately terminal and dissatisfying things. It struggles mightily even with the help of the Spirit to "set your mind above" and to do the right things. Your **future** body is **spiritually energized and tuned**. It inherently responds and motivates to eternal, spiritual, moral godly pleasures.

Now please don't confuse "natural" and "spiritual" here with "physical" vs "ethereal" or ghostly. Our future bodies will be perfectly physical and physically perfected! They will be unimaginably more physically substantial by far than ours are now. No, the issue is, what will be the bent and tendency and focus of our bodies... what will they be made for, not of.

For more on the contrast of what is meant by *natural (soulical/psuchikos ψυχικός)* vs *spiritual (pneumatikos/πνευματικός)*, see **James 3:15, Jude 19, 1 Cor 12:1, 10:13, 2:14-16)**

We cling so desperately to what is in the world, mostly because we do not comprehend that in God's great love, the pleasures of eternal life and the place prepared and customized for us are far more delicious and satisfying and forever thrilling!

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