

Awaiting Glory with Christ

1. Even Now We Are Rooted in Our Glorious Future (20).

2. Christ Will Glorify Our Bodies with His Resurrection Power (21).

3. Are We Living Today in the Certainty of This Reality?

CONCLUSION: Christ has secured the heavenly citizenship of every single man, woman, and child who trusts in Him as our Savior. We have been given a new home, a new family, an eternal possession that cannot be taken or lost. And that's not all. This incredible inheritance has been given to us already in Christ, but we have yet to receive our glorified bodies, made perfect to last forever. Jesus is indeed the first-fruits of the resurrection. Let us live every day in this certain reality!

First Corinthians 15:42-58

⁴² So is it with *the resurrection of the dead*. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory ... ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ *Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.*

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but *we shall all be changed*, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and *the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed*. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality ... ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Colossians 3:1-4

If then *you have been raised with Christ*, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ *When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

Romans 6:5-14

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.