

We Shall Be Changed

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Ephesians 1:1-12 ESV

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God...

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

4 even as he chose (*eklegomai - to pick out, choose, select*) us in him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and blameless before him. [In love]

5 [In love] he predestined (*proorizō - predestinate, decide beforehand, predetermine, appoint beforehand*) us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In him we have obtained an inheritance [something promised that we don't yet possess], having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

1 Peter 1:3-5 ESV

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

- *The God Who made alive our spirits that were dead in sin, will also make alive our bodies which bear the consequences and judgment of sin.*
- *The bodily resurrection of Jesus is our hope and promise of our bodily resurrection and transfiguration.*

4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

- *Our bodily resurrection and transfiguration is our inheritance reserved in heaven for us, waiting for the fullness of God's time to be revealed.*
- *imperishable* (*aphthartos - incorruptible, immortal, not liable to corruption or decay*)
- *undefiled* (*amiantos - unsoiled, not debased, not deformed, pure from sin, without defect*)
- *unfading* (*amarantos - perpetual*)
- *kept* (*tēreō - reserve, preserve, keep, to attend to carefully, guard*)

5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- guarded (phroureō - keep with a garrison or military guard, protect, hem in)

Job 19:25-27 ESV

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,

27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

- Job is grappling with a revelation that he doesn't know how to describe.
- He knows that one day he will see God face to face, in a body, but not the body he currently inhabits. God has revealed to him that he won't be a phantom-spirit without a body.
- Considering that the Book of Job is the oldest book in the Bible, this revelation of resurrection to Job is astounding.

John 11:25-26 ESV

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 8:51 ESV

51 "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

2 Timothy 1:8-10 ESV

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

10 and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality (aphtharsia - incorruption, unending existence, perpetuity) to light through the gospel.

Romans 8:19-23 ESV

19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope
21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:29-30 ESV

29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified (doxazō - make glorious, clothe with splendor, full of glory).

2 Corinthians 5:1-5 ESV

1 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,

3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.

4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened--not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 ESV

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

27 For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.

28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 ESV

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. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

- perishable (phthora) to corrupt, perish, decay, ruin
- imperishable (aphtharsia) incorruptible, perpetuity, unending existence, immortal
- dishonor (atimia - vile, shame, reproach, disgrace)
- glory (doxa - glory, honor, dignity, excellence)
- weakness (astheneia - infirmity, disease, sickness, weakness, frailty)
- power (dynamis - strength, power, ability, miracle)
- natural (psychikos - sensual, belonging to breath, appetite, passion)
- spiritual (pneumatikos - non-carnal, spiritual)

1 Corinthians 15:49-55 ESV

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 (*allassō* - transform, to exchange one thing for another),*

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.*

54 *When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."*

55 *"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"*

The Promised Inheritance Calls Us To Prepare in Holiness

Romans 2:6-8 ESV

6 *He will render to each one according to his works:*

7 *to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life;*

8 *but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.*

1 John 3:2-3 ESV

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.*

3 *And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*

Philippians 3:8-14 ESV

8 *Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ*

9 *and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith--*

10 *that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,*

11 *that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.*

12 *Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.*

13 *Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,*

14 *I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*