

What will our lives be like on
the new Earth? Part 4

What will my body be like
in Heaven?

10/10/10 (pretty cool, huh?)

(Christ) “will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like
his glorious body.” Phil 3:21

1. My present body is like a TENT

“Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed...”

V. 1a

A tent is...

- A. Temporary - Not a place a person would want to live in permanently.
- B. Flimsy – whatever the temperature is outside, that is the temperature inside.
- C. fragile – it can easily be torn.

Who lives in a tent?

- A. People who are vacationing
- B. People who are temporarily displaced
- C. Soldiers

2. My Heavenly body is like a BUILDING

“Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we
have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by
human hands.” V. 1

A building is...

- A. Permanent
- B. Solid

C. Strong

My heavenly body will still have the 5 senses.

What scripture verse or idea comes to mind that would establish the
fact that in Heaven we will be able to:

See – (“Write, therefore, what you have seen...”)

Hear – (sing, cry out “holy, holy, holy)

Taste – (fruit, banquet, wine)

Smell – (fruit, banquet, wine)

Touch – (“In his right hand he held, seven stars...”)

In Heaven, whatever God has redeemed, He improves.

Let’s take a look at just one of the senses – Sight. Presently, I am
able to see, even through I am under the curse and sin has affected
my eyes. Over time, my eyes have gotten worse and I now have to
use glasses if I want to read. But what Christ redeems my body,
what do you think will happen to my sight? Right. It will be perfect
right? But what does that mean? Is it possible that my eyes will be
as effective as a microscope? Or a telescope?

Personally, I can hardly wait to have “redeemed-eyes”. But this
truth really captivates me when I think of Joni Eareckson Tada, a
quadriplegic, says,

“I still can hardly believe it. I, with shriveled, bent fingers,
atrophied muscles, gnarled knees, and no feeling from the shoulders
down, will one day have a new body, light, bright, and clothed in
righteousness – powerful and dazzling. Can you imagine the hope
this gives someone spinal-cord injured like me? Or someone who is
cerebral palsied, brain-injured (I think of Jube’s son Kevin), or who
has MS? (I think of Sharon Tucker – who is now feel from that
walker and pain) Imagine the hope this gives someone who is
manic-depressive. No other religion, no other philosophy promises
new bodies, hearts, and minds. Only in the Gospel of Christ do
hurting people find such incredible hope.”

3. The older we become, the more we miss our youthfulness.

“Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling.” V 2

In Heaven, we will be unburdened by the curse that shrivels not just our bodies but also our spirits, robbing many of curiosity, laughter, and a longing to explore.

4. Your heavenly body is going to Care-For you

“...because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.” V. 3

When we think of someone seeing us naked we might think of how embarrassing that would be but the scripture is not referring to any type of embarrassment or shame but rather it is a picture of putting on something that would make us feel extremely comfortable, - like your favorite sweat suit or house slippers, a body that would make us impervious or invincible to any and all elements.

5. As a Christian, every pain and problem you carry is a longing for Heaven and Life.

“For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.” V. 4

6. My resurrected and glorified body is Guaranteed.

“Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” V. 5

When someone wants to make a purchase of a new home, one of the first steps involves putting down a deposit.

Can this be death?

To be released from fear and sorrow,
From sickness, weariness and pain?
To be removed from sin’s enslavement,
From Satan’s influence and domain?

Can this be death?

To be presented in His presence,
The One who loves me evermore?
To be accepted in the fullness
Of Christ, whom I adore?

Can this be death?

To know complete fulfillment
As I look upon His face?
To feast upon the glories
And the riches of his grace?

No, this is life!

With all that it can offer,
It is joy that overflows!
It is peace that knows no measure,
It is victory, for evermore!

“Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.” 2 Cor. 5:6-10