

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE RAPTURE?

PART 2: AND OTHER RELATED ISSUES ...

REVIEW: PART ONE ...

We will leave earth behind, be instantly changed, and be transformed from perishable to imperishable, experience our ultimate victory over and the destruction once and for all of death, discover that our current bodies are much different than our transformed bodies, will be caught up together with the saints who previously died to meet the Lord in the air, and from that moment on we will always be with the Lord.

(See 1 Corinthians 15:50-55, 35-41, Genesis 2:16-17, 3:4, Romans 5:12, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.)

PART TWO ...

1. **Our entire person (bodies and all) will instantly experience the transformation from perishable to imperishable, from dishonor to glory.**

- (1 Corinthians 15:42–49 ESV) **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. 45 Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. 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.

2. **We will experience the completed work of glorification as God finishes our transformation into the image of the man of heaven.**

3. **We will surely be thrilled when the inexpressible joy that is filled with glory dawns on our consciousness as our genuine faith is found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

- (1 Peter 1:7–8 ESV) So that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—**may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.** 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him **and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.**

4. **We will experience this work of God that he had planned and chosen for us in eternity past to be conformed to the image of his Son—the man of heaven.**

- (Romans 8:28–30 ESV) **And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,** for those who are called according to his purpose. 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.

DO WE HAVE A BODY IN BETWEEN DEATH AND THE RAPTURE?

WHAT WE KNOW ...

- 1. We know that we are not to lose heart because we look to the things that are eternal.**
 - (2 Corinthians 4:16–18 ESV) **So we do not lose heart.** Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 **as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.** For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.
 - 2. We know that we are to be of good courage because when we die we go to be with the Lord.**
 - (2 Corinthians 5:6–8 ESV) So we are **always of good courage.** **We know** that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, **we are of good courage,** and **we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.**
 - 3. We know that at the rapture we receive our new bodies that will bear the image of the man of heaven.**
 - 4. We know that when our “tent” gives out that we will ultimately receive our eternal building from God.**
 - (2 Corinthians 5:1 ESV) 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.
 - 5. We know that while still in this earthly tent we groan to be fully clothed in our salvation.**
 - (2 Corinthians 5:2–5 ESV) 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**
- 6. We know that when we put on our heavenly body, we will no longer be naked but fully clothed for eternity.**
 - (Isaiah 61:10 ESV) I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, **for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,** as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
 - (Genesis 3:7 ESV) Then the eyes of both were opened, **and they knew that they were naked.** And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.
 - (Genesis 3:9–10 ESV) But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, **and I was afraid, because I was naked,** and I hid myself.”
 - 7. We know that it is God who has prepared for us this very thing.**
 - 8. We know that God has given us the Spirit as a guarantee of our new building.**
 - (2 Corinthians 1:21–22 ESV) And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, 22 and who has also put his seal on us **and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.**
 - (Ephesians 1:13–14 ESV) In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, **were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it,** to the praise of his glory.
 - (Ephesians 4:30 ESV) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, **by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**