

connecting carnality

1 CORINTHIANS

Sermon Series Notes



"A New Body" (I Corinthians 15:35-58)

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Thank God there is hope in the face of death review last week This week we look in detail at one of the greatest things Christians have to look forward to after death/in the resurrection - new bodies! The older I get the more I look forward to a new body!

I. VARIETIES OF GOD'S SPLENDOR (vv.35-41)

* Note The splendor God has planned for our earthly bodies is not what we presently see as we look at one another, or what we experience in this present life

- * The glory of a seed planted
 - Pictures of what various seeds produce

* What we end up with is connected to what is planted, yet not the same. The body to come will be glorious!

* **Johnny Weissmuller** (Born as Johann Peter Weißmüller; June 2, 1904 – January 20, 1984) was an [Austro-Hungarian](#)-born [American swimmer](#) and [actor](#) who was one of the world's best swimmers in the 1920s, winning five [Olympic gold medals](#) and one [bronze medal](#). He won fifty-two US National Championships and set sixty-seven [world records](#). After his swimming career, he became the sixth actor to portray [Tarzan](#) in films, a role he played in twelve motion pictures. Dozens of other actors have also played Tarzan, but Weissmuller is by far the best known. His character's distinctive, [ululating Tarzan yell](#) is still often used in films.

* When I was younger, one of my all time favorite TV shows was Tarzan with Johnny Weissmuller swing on the vines with my safety pinned wash clothes years ago I told this story and someone anonymously sent me these (show tiger wash cloths)

* Here's what I might look like with my new body (Power point of me with Johnny Weissmuller's body)

II. HOW WILL THIS HAPPEN?

- A. Quickly (v.52)
- B. Miraculously

* If we can clone a person from a single cell, then it is nothing for God to give me a new body from the blueprint of my old one.

III. THE BODY GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THE BELIEVER (vv.42-49)

A. An Imperishable Body (vv.42,50,53,54)

* 861. *aphtharsia*, af-thar-see'-ah; from G862; incorruptibility; gen. unending existence; (fig.) genuineness:--immortality, incorruption, sincerity.

* v.53 "immortality" = 110. *athanasia*, ath-an-as-ee'-ah; from a compound of G1 (as a neg. particle) and G2288; deathlessness:--immortality.

* This body is not subject to sickness or death.

B. A Glorious Body (v.43)

* 819. *atimia*, at-ee-mee'-ah; from G820; infamy, i.e. (subj.) comparative indignity, (obj.) disgrace:--dishonour, reproach, shame, vile.

* Romans 3: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the *glory* of God

* Our new bodies will not be subject to sin (Rom.7-8a)

C. A Powerful Body (v.44)

* "Weakness" = 769. *astheneia*, as-then'-i-ah; from G772; feebleness (of body or mind); by impl. malady; mor. frailty:--disease, infirmity, sickness, weakness.

* 1411. *dunamis*, doo'-nam-is; from G1410; force (lit. or fig.); spec. miraculous power (usually by impl. a miracle itself):--ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

* Go into audience and pick out an older person, asking them if their body is as strong as when they were younger.

* Even young bodies are "weak" in this life (subject to sickness, needing regular rest, etc.)

* Not just an age issue, but a makeup issue; Young person in audience who has recently been injured? New body cannot die by car crash, gun shot, etc.

D. A Spiritual Body

* v.50a; Luke 24: 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." (Note: Doesn't mention blood).

* John 20: 19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Has flesh and bones, yet can walk through walls.

* Luke 24: 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence.

* Note: Can eat and drink, yet it seems there will be no need to digest (?); Dung is unclean, and nothing unclean can enter heaven.

* Can ascend and descend in the heavenly realms (Acts 1:9,11; Matt.22:30; Gen.28:12; Daniel 10:12-14; Rev.21:16, 1400 mile cube city).

E. A Body Bearing The Likeness Of Jesus Christ (v.49)

* I John 3: 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

* We will be recognizable; They recognized Jesus after the resurrection.

* How old will we be? Prime of life?

* Rooted in heaven vv. rooted in dirt (v.47)

- A heavenly body

- I won't be a "dirtbag" anymore!

* The glory of the "heavenly bodies"

- Just as seeds and what they produce are an illustration of what we have to look forward to, so the heavenly bodies are as well.

- Daniel 12: 3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

- Louie Giglio

IV. THE PROPER RESPONSE TO THIS INCREDIBLE TRUTH (v.58)

A. Let Nothing Move You

* Live in light of the resurrection

B. Give Yourself Fully To The Work Of The Lord

* What is the work of the Lord?

- John 6: 29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

- John 2:24; 3:16

C. This Is The Path Of Victory (vv.54-56)

* If you're on that path, stay on it!

* If you're no on that path, get on it today!

CONCLUSION

* When we really come to terms with these truths, it will make us long for the day of resurrection.

* II Cor.5:1-9