

## The Apostles' Creed The Resurrection of the Body

Job 19:23-27 ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:35-44

“What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and *will inhabit renewed, resurrected bodies* in a renewed, restored creation.”

(“The New City Catechism,” 2017)

### Alternatives to Bodily Resurrection

In my dreams about my Mom since she died in 2013, she always looks like she did in the 1970's, when I was a \_\_\_\_\_, and she was young, \_\_\_\_\_ and healthy. In these previews of \_\_\_\_\_, she tells me: “I'm not \_\_\_\_\_! I am alive!”

Jewish Saducees in Jesus' day: \_\_\_\_\_ life after death

Greeks in Jesus' day: immortality of the \_\_\_\_\_

Buddhists: perpetual \_\_\_\_\_

Hindus: \_\_\_\_\_ and finally dissolving of all personality

Muslims: \_\_\_\_\_ will enjoy sensual pleasures in heaven

Mormons: \_\_\_\_\_ become \_\_\_\_\_ of their own \_\_\_\_\_

American Indians: become one with \_\_\_\_\_

Atheists: \_\_\_\_\_

### Christians: Resurrection of the Body

“After my skin has been destroyed, yet in my \_\_\_\_\_ I will see \_\_\_\_\_” (Job 19:26).

God will give us a new \_\_\_\_\_ to suit our new \_\_\_\_\_.

In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul wrote that we can learn from \_\_\_\_\_ that our resurrected bodies will be the same, but not \_\_\_\_\_.

“Someone may ask, ‘How are the dead \_\_\_\_\_? With what kind of \_\_\_\_\_ will they come?’ (v. 35)

“The body that is sown is \_\_\_\_\_; it is raised \_\_\_\_\_” (v. 42).

“If there is a \_\_\_\_\_ body, there is also a \_\_\_\_\_ body” (v. 44).

“We shall bear the likeness of the Man from \_\_\_\_\_” (v. 49).

“The \_\_\_\_\_ hope is not that you will go to heaven to be lost like a drop of water returns to the ocean and vanishes. You will be \_\_\_\_\_.” (“A Christian Primer,” Al Winn, p. 178)

### Other Proof Texts

“Abraham was gathered to his \_\_\_\_\_” (Genesis 25:8).

When King David's infant son died, he said, “I will go to \_\_\_\_\_, but he will not return to me” (2 Samuel 12:23).

Jesus said, “The rich man died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw \_\_\_\_\_ far away, with \_\_\_\_\_ by his side” (Luke 16:23).

“Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John. And there appeared before them \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, who were talking to Jesus” (Mark 9:2-4).

“So the women hurried away from the tomb. Suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ met them. ‘Greetings,’ He said. They came to Him, clasped His \_\_\_\_\_ and worshipped Him” (Matthew 28:8-9).

### Takeaway

“O God, what shall I render to Thee for the gift of gifts,  
Thine own \_\_\_\_\_ Son?

Herein is wonder of wonders:

He came below to raise me \_\_\_\_\_,

Was born like me

That I might become like \_\_\_\_\_.”

(Puritan prayer, 1660)

