



The Believer's Bodily Resurrection

1. **Matter:** Matter is good (Gen 1:31), Gnosticism a lie (Colossians).
2. **Image:** The whole person (Physical-Spiritual) bears the divine image (Gen 1:26-28).
3. **Redemption:** Salvation is not complete until all is made whole. Like the rest of God's physical creation, our bodies long for their full restoration.ⁱ
4. **Prototype:** The resurrected Jesus is the prototype for the believer's resurrection¹ ("Firstfruits" - 1 Cor. 15:20-25; "Mystic Union" - Rom 8:11)
5. **Precedent:** Jesus' resurrected body demonstrates that our resurrected bodies will have some continuity and physicality to it.² Continuity demonstrated by the fact that Jesus was recognizableⁱⁱ to those who knew Him, physicality by the fact that he was seen, touchable, and capable of eating.ⁱⁱⁱ

John 6:40 (ESV)

⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Romans 8:11 (ESV)

¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Philippians 3:20–21 (ESV)

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹ **pro•to•type** \ 'prō-tə-ˌtīp\ *noun* [... from *prōt-* + *typos* type] 1552

1: an original model on which something is patterned: ARCHETYPE

2: an individual that exhibits the essential features of a later type

Inc Merriam-Webster, [Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary](#). (Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2003).

² Jesus:

- He was recognizable from one life to the next.
- Was touchable,
- Could eat.

Believers:

- Will be recognizable; Moses, Elijah (Matt 17), Lazarus the beggar (Lk 16:19).
- Eat and drink (Rev 19:9; Rev 22:2)
- Be Clothed (Rev 3:4-5, 18).

i Romans 8:18–25 (ESV) - *Future Glory*

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 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. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

ii Matthew 17:1–3 (ESV) - *The Transfiguration*

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

iii Luke 24:36–43 (ESV) - *Jesus Appears to His Disciples*

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, **“Peace to you!”** ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, **“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”** ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, **“Have you anything here to eat?”** ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

Eating in front of people.

It's never nice to eat in front of people...unless you are the Resurrected Lord and need to prove to your disciples that you really are who you say you are and not a disembodied spirit. (JKL - 2/17/2016)

John 20:24–29 (ESV) - *Jesus and Thomas*

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **“Peace be with you.”** ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, **“Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”** ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, **“Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”**