



**Remember the question? "How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?"**

- Christ left nothing of His material body in the tomb.
- The resurrection body will be related to the present body as the harvest is related to the seed from which it germinates—which seed must always decay.
- It is the present body that is raised, but in the sense that its identity is utterly merged into, and deposited within, the new body.
- A complete identity is assumed—that which is sown is raised.

<sup>42</sup> *So also is the resurrection of the dead. It (the body) is **sown** a **perishable** body, it is **raised** an **imperishable** body;*

**Sown** **perishable**: properly to *shrivel* or *wither*, i.e. to *spoil* by any process) or to *ruin* - corrupt (self), defile, destroy.

**Raised**: **incorruptibility**; genitive unending existence; (figurative) genuineness: - immortality, incorruption,

Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary.

*43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;*

Dishonor: infamy, indignity disgrace: dishonor, reproach, shame, vile. Reproach

Glory in a wide application an appearance commanding respect, magnificence, excellence, manifestation of glory.

INFIRMITY, SICKNESS, WEAKNESS DISEASED.

(a) Power, ability, physical or moral, as residing in a person or thing; (b) “power in action”

*<sup>44</sup> it is sown a **natural** body, it is raised a **spiritual** body. If there is a **natural** body, there is also a **spiritual** body.*

- The word "**natural**" is from the word which the Greeks used to designate the soul of man.
- The word "**spiritual**" is from a word which speaks of the spirit of man.
- The resurrection body will be a **spiritual body** in which the spiritual life of man will predominate.

Wuest's Word Studies from the Greek New Testament - Volume 3.

**44b** *"If there is a **natural (or soulish)** body, there is also a **spiritual.**"*

- As surely as there is the body which we have now, suited to the earth and the life that now is.
- There is also a spiritual body, which we shall have when the Lord Christ comes to raise those that are His.

*Philippians 3:20-21 (NASB)*

*<sup>20</sup> For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;*

*<sup>21</sup> who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.*

*<sup>45</sup> So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.*

Becoming a living soul is a result of the divine inbreathing into the earthen vessel of the breath of lives (lit., plural).

It is clear, however, that the immaterial part of man originates not as a creation, but as a transmission.

Scripture shows us the Lord became a quickening spirit when He rose from the dead.

*<sup>46</sup> However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.*

The natural comes before the spiritual, and the first man is earthy, made out of the dust of the earth.

First is seen man failing in his responsibility; then the obedient, suffering, victorious Man.

The **first Adam** is, as we know, “the figure of Him that is to come.”



*47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven.*

### The First Adam

God created Adam from the earth; he was natural, perfect, unmarred and untested.

Being created perfect, Adam had no problem as to obeying his Creator.

Being innocent, and being created, his place was that of reliance upon God.

Through Adam's transgression, the creature assumed strength independent of God.

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## The Last Adam

Our Lord Jesus, in His perfect deity and perfect humanity, entered this world, lived, died, and returned to His place in the Glory - **all on the basis of the eternal Triune will.**

As the God-man, His attitude was,

<sup>34</sup> *"My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.* ([John 4:34](#))

As the Last Adam He took the form of a servant and came to do His Father's will ([Phil. 2:7](#)).

He lived *"by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God"* ([Matt. 4:4](#)).

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*<sup>48</sup> As is the **earthy**, so also are those who are **earthy**; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly.*

No matter what is done with the Adamic race, it will be forever **earthy**.

That portion of it which is redeemed will be forever on earth –

- first the renewed millennial earth,
- then the new eternal earth.
- If you begin with Adam, you end with Adam.

All are either saved Israelites, or saved Gentiles –

- **none** are Christians,
- **none** are members of the Body of Christ:
- **none** are heavenly, no, not one!

*49 Just as we have borne the image of the **earthy**, we will also bear the image of the **heavenly**.*

We, as now in Christ, shall also bear the image of Christ in the day that is coming.

As the **Heavenly** One, such also the heavenly ones (Christians).

We have borne the image of the **earthy**, so shall we, bear the image of the **heavenly**.

We will contribute to the whole New Creation.

Chafer

**“The last Adam,” Christ — Who is the Head of a new race that will never be superseded by another Head and another race.**

*49 Just as we have borne the image of the **earthly**, we will also bear the image of the **heavenly**.*

**When did the Christian become heavenly?**

In order to become **heavenly**, one must begin **heavenly**; in order to get to **heaven**, one must originate in **heaven**.

Our portion in life existed before the foundation of the world. Darby

There, in eternity past, prior to all creation, each Christian began. MJS

2 Timothy 1:9 and Eph. 1:4

*Back there in Eternity before anything had been brought into being environed in the pure essence of Divine Life, Light, and Love. In the mind of the Father, heart of the Son, and hands of the Spirit, By and for His love, **God conceived YOU!** Thought of in Eternity past, brought forth in time, For Eternity future Forever Loved.*

"In the secret place of the Most High"; "in the bosom of the Father" ([Ps. 91-1](#); [John 1:18](#)), before anything was created --the Father fashioned YOU in His heart of love. ([Ps. 139:16](#))

When the Giver of the Gift thinks and speaks, even in Eternity past, it is done!

God had chosen us in His Last Adam, eons before the first Adam was created.

— The Works of Miles J. Stanford