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HEAVEN

I'M Coming Out ... Preparing For Glory
1 Corinthians 15:50-55

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Enhance Your Faith, Set Boundaries



SNAPSHOT

I'M Coming Out ... Preparing For Glory (1 Corinthians 15:50-55)

Who: *The Apostle Paul writes to the church at Corinth, encouraging believers with the hope of the resurrection and eternal life.*

What: *Paul teaches that flesh and blood cannot inherit God's eternal Kingdom and that every believer will receive a glorified body.*

When: *During Paul's ministry to the early church, he addressed questions about the resurrection and the believer's future hope.*

Where: *Corinth, a thriving Greek city where believers faced cultural pressures and needed assurance of God's eternal promises.*

Why: *To strengthen believers with the certainty that this temporary life will give way to eternal life in God's presence.*

How: *By living faithfully, trusting God's promises, and keeping our hope fixed on Heaven as we await our glorified bodies.*

Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:50-55
What is your takeaway from the text?

50. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

51. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed

52. in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

55. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?

I'M Coming Out

Paul reminds the church that our present bodies are not fit for eternity. Before believers enter God's eternal Kingdom, God will exchange our mortal bodies into glorified bodies to live forever in His presence. Every believer is coming out of this temporary world to live eternally in God's presence.

We prepare for glory in Heaven by living faithfully, trusting God's promise, and standing firm in Christ. Every day we live is another opportunity to prepare for the glory that awaits us in Heaven.

***What are believers coming out from? What is the sting of death?
Think in terms of what God is delivering us from.***

Preparing For Glory

***(1). The Problem:** Our present condition cannot enter God's eternal Kingdom. Humanity must be changed before entering God's glory. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23*

***(2). The Process:** Believers cannot improve themselves into perfection; God transforms them for glory. The new birth is God's process of changing the heart, making us a new creation in Christ. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3*

***(3). The Promise:** Our future is not based on wishful thinking but on God's unbreakable promise. The promise of Heaven gives believers confidence to live faithfully while waiting for Christ's return. Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 2 Peter 3:13*

***Explain the problem with the flesh and God's process of change.
Why must the flesh be changed before entering Heaven?***

Living Sacrifice

What does it mean when we say we are coming out? Do you know as a believer we are preparing for glory? As believers, coming out means leaving this temporary world to enter God's eternal presence. It is the fulfillment of God's promise to exchange our mortal bodies for glorified bodies prepared for Heaven. Paul reminds believers that our present bodies are temporary.

God will transform us into glorified bodies fit for His eternal Kingdom. Coming out is not about escaping life but completing the journey God has prepared for us. Because of Christ's death and resurrection, believers have the assurance of eternal life.

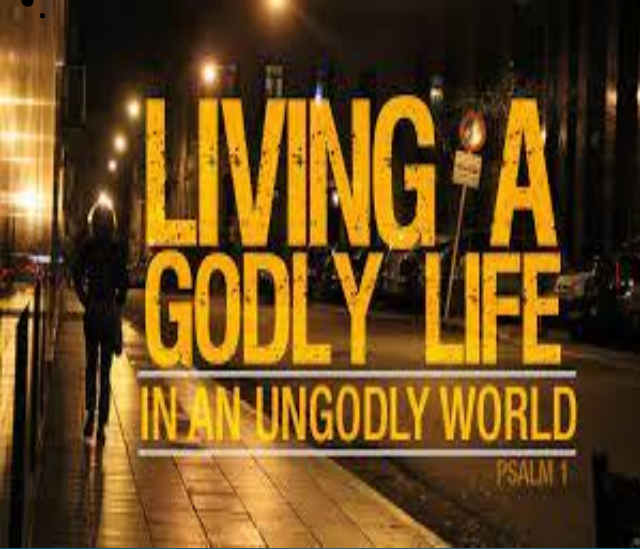
What is the glorified body; How do we get it?

1 Corinthians 15:47-49, Philippians 3:20-21

More of God and Less of Ourselves

Every day God is shaping our lives for something greater than this present world. The life we live today reflects the faith we place in God's eternal promise. Our hope reaches beyond earthly success because Heaven is the eternal home of every believer. The trials of this life are temporary, but the glory God has prepared is eternal. Each step of obedience prepares our hearts to remain focused on Christ and His Kingdom. Today, let us be encouraged knowing this world is not our final home. We will all make a difference when our lives reflect the hope of Heaven and the promise of glory. Yes and AMEN!

***Let's talk about
Redeemed identity, Heavenly citizenship, Glorified body***



Easy As 1...2...3

We Can, We Will, We Must

Problem, Process, Promise

- (1). The Problem: Our sinful condition cannot enter God's eternal Kingdom. Only God's saving grace can overcome our fallen nature.*
- (2). The Process: God begins His work through the new birth and shapes us into the image of Christ. Spiritual growth is a daily walk of faith and obedience.*
- (3). The Promise: God promises every believer a glorified body and eternal life. His promise gives us confidence to live faithfully until Christ returns.*



What is your point of application?

Prayer / Benediction

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This world is temporary; Heaven is our eternal home. Live each day with Heaven in view, knowing that God's promise is sure and your future is secure in Christ.

The more we grow spiritually, the better we get physically, the closer we get to Christ. Believers count themselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

***1 Corinthians 15:50;** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.*