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**What Does the Bible Say About Heaven? (#4):  
Our Forever Bodies**

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**1. Our Forever Bodies Will Be Like Jesus' Resurrected Body**

Psalm 17:15 As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

Rom 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

1 Cor 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

Phil 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

1 John 3:1-2 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Luke 24:36-43 Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." <sup>37</sup> But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." <sup>40</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup> But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" <sup>42</sup> So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. <sup>43</sup> And He took it and ate in their presence.

- **Jesus Walked**
- **Jesus Talked**
- **Jesus Had Flesh and Bones**
- **Jesus Ate**

**2. Our Forever Bodies Will Be Spiritual Bodies**

• **Flesh**

Job 19:26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup> Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. *How my heart yearns within me!*

• **But Not Blood**

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

• **Incorruptible (as Opposed to Corruptible)**

- **Glorious (as Opposed to Dishonorable)**
- **Powerful (as Opposed to Weak)**
- **Immortal (as Opposed to Mortal)**

1 Cor 15:35-58 <sup>35</sup> But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" ---<sup>42</sup> So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. *The body* is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. ---<sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ---<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

**3. Our Forever Bodies Will Be Recognizable to Others**

- **We will keep our names, identities & memories**

Matt 8:11 "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

Matt 22:32 "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

Matt 17:2-3 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

Isa 62:2 The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name.

Rev 2:17 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives *it*."

Rev 3:12 "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name.

- **We will keep our ethnic history**

Rev 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, (5:9)

- **We will keep our gender**

Randy Alcorn – *Was Jesus genderless after his resurrection? Of course not. No one mistook him for a woman—or as androgynous. He's referred to with male pronouns. We'll never be genderless because human bodies aren't genderless. The point of the resurrection is that we will have real human bodies essentially linked to our original ones. Gender is a God-created aspect of humanity.*