

SERMON NOTES

7th Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C * February 20, 2022

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Genesis 45:3-11, 21-28 * Psalm 37:1-18 *

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 * Luke 6:27-38

My New Body

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35: How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?

36-38: What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

42-43: So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

44: It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

45-49: So it is written: The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

50-57: I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the

imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vs 58: Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Next Week's Lessons

Exodus 34:29-35 * Psalm 99 * 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 * Luke 9:28-43

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. What do you think heaven is like?
2. What's a question you'd like to ask God when you get to heaven?
3. What are you looking forward to doing when you get to heaven?
4. Who, other than Jesus, are you looking forward to seeing in heaven? Why?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for the promise he gives us of eternal life.
 - ✦ For grace to catch glimpses of heaven while you're still here on earth.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.