

# Our Glorious Hope



1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-58

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**5** WHEN WE HEAR THE WORD *RESURRECTION*, most of us instantly think about Jesus rising from the dead, but His victory over the grave shows what's going to happen to us as well. One day every believer who has died will experience a bodily resurrection like His, and those who are alive when Christ returns will be changed from mortal to immortal in the twinkling of an eye.

One of the first questions that spring to mind is, *What am I going to look like?* I can't answer that specifically, but all I know is, you're going to look as good as the Creator can make you. And that's pretty good! These humble earthly bodies will be transformed into glorious bodies like His—minus the divinity, of course. The apostle Paul provides some hints about their characteristics: They are imperishable, glorious, powerful, and spiritual. As such, they will be fit for life in heaven. We'll never again experience sin, sickness, pain, suffering, weakness, exhaustion, or death.

At times people ask me if we'll be recognizable—that is, will we know our loved ones, and will they know us? Consider this: How could such powerful, glorious bodies be limited in this area if they are so much more advanced in every other way? I'm fully convinced that all our senses and mental abilities will be enhanced, not diminished.

A glorious future lies ahead of us, but the joy of a new body and a reunion with loved ones will be surpassed by the thrill of seeing Jesus face to face. He is the One who made all this possible. Out of gratitude, let's faithfully love and serve Him while we remain on this earth.

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BIBLE IN ONE YEAR: 2 SAMUEL 4-6