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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matt 28:19)

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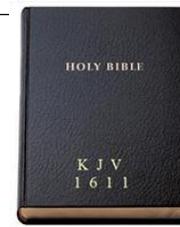


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4) It is a glorious body

Rom 8:18,21

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with **the glory** which shall be revealed in us.

Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the **glorious** liberty of the children of God.

1 Cor 15:43

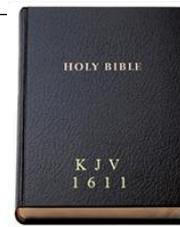
It is sown in dishonour; **it is raised in glory**: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

Phl 3:21

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned **like unto his glorious body**, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Eph 5:27

That he might present it to himself **a glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.



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- The glory reflected by the body will differ between believers like stars have different degrees of brightness (i.e.- “apparent magnitude”)
- The degree of glory we reflect in eternity may be based on the degree we demonstrated Christ's glory in this life, particularly in witnessing

1 Cor 15:41

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

Matt 5:14,16

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

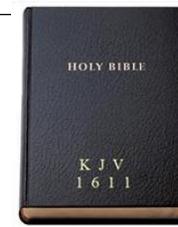
2 Cor 3:18

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Dan 12:3

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

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5) It is a recognizable body

Matt 28:9,17

And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, **Jesus met them**, saying, All hail. **And they came and held him** by the feet, and worshipped him.

And **when they saw him, they worshipped him**: but some doubted.

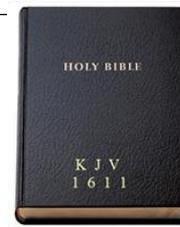
Luke 24:31

And **their eyes were opened, and they knew him**; and he vanished out of their sight.

John 20:16

Jesus saith unto her, **Mary**. She turned herself, and saith unto him, **Rabboni**; which is to say, Master.

- We will immediately recognize our saved loved ones and brethren we knew in our earthly life in spite of our bodily transformations (e.g.- grandchildren will recognize grandparents and vice versa)



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- We will immediately recognize brethren we never knew in our earthly life (e.g.- those who lived in a different COUNTRY) as well as those who did not live during our lifetime (e.g.- those who lived in a different CENTURY)

1 Cor 2:16

For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Cor 13:12

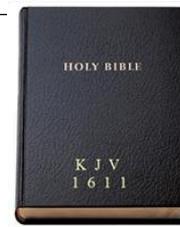
For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

6) It is a PERFECT body with a PERPETUAL appearance of 33 ½ yrs old

Eph 4:13; 5:27

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.



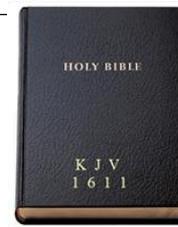
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- The only body with scars will be the Lord's (Zec 13:6)
- Jesus Christ died and rose again at the age of 33 ½
- 33 ½ is the approximate age of full physical maturity
- We will be like the angels of God in that we will be immortal and ageless

Matt 22:30

For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

- Those who died or were raptured before birth, in infancy, or in childhood will not have baby or child bodies
- Those who died or were raptured in old age will not have elderly bodies
- Those who died or were raptured at a time they had physical or mental disabilities (e.g.- blind, deaf, lame, autistic, etc.) will not have disabled bodies or minds
- Everyone will glow with health and shine with youth



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2. Abilities

- 1) It is incorruptible (i.e.- it cannot DECAY)
- 2) It is immortal (i.e.- it cannot DIE)

1 Cor 15:42,52-55

So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in **incorruption**:

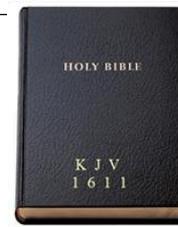
In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised **incorruptible**, and we shall be changed.

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

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

2 Cor 5:4

For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that **mortality might be swallowed up** of life.



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- In order for the body to be immortal, it cannot possess a sinful nature
- When we received Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, he immediately saved us from the PENALTY of sin, he continually saves us from the POWER of sin, and he eventually will save us from the PRESENCE of sin

Rom 7:18,24-25

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

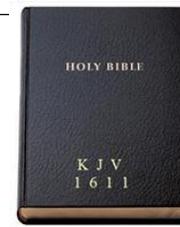
O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

2 Cor 1:10

Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

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3) It can eat

Luke 24:41-43

And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

And he took *it*, and **did eat** before them.

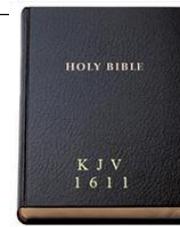
- We will not need food and water in our glorified body but will still enjoy them
- Any digestive and metabolic processes that exist will be perfect, meaning there will never be any weight gain, weight loss, or waste

4) It is powerful

1 Cor 15:43

It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in **power**:

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1. It can appear visible and invisible at will

Luke 24:31

And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

2. It can pass through solid objects (e.g.- doors, walls, windows, etc.)

Luke 24:36-37

And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.

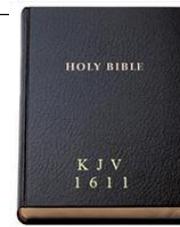
But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

John 20:19,26

Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you.

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3. It can ascend and fly

Acts 1:9

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up**; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Eph 4:8

Wherefore he saith, When **he ascended** up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

4. It can travel faster than the speed of light

John 20:16-17,19-20

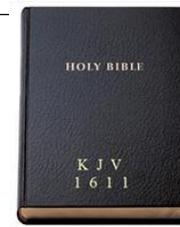
Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

Jesus saith unto her, **Touch me not**; for **I am not yet ascended to my Father**: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and *to* my God, and your God.

Then **the same day at evening**, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and **stood in the midst**, and saith unto them, **Peace be unto you**.

And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

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Luke 24:36-39

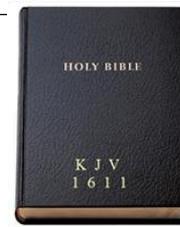
And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

- The Lord appears to Mary Magdalene in the garden early in the morning (John 20:1) and tells her NOT TO TOUCH him because he has not yet ascended to heaven
- He appears to his disciples later the SAME DAY at evening and encourages them TO TOUCH him
- The Lord ascended up to the third heaven and back to earth within a period of about 12 hours
- The Lord had to travel through and beyond the first and second heavens to accomplish this



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- To put this in perspective, the Hubble Space Telescope has detected galaxies that are about **13 billion light years** from earth (i.e.- the light from these galaxies took 13 billion years to reach us traveling at a speed of 186,000 miles per second)
- Since the universe is not 13 billion years old, “science” is wrong in its calculations somewhere, but the point remains that the Lord traveled faster than the speed of light
- He may have traveled at the speed of THOUGHT- the speed of thought in a GLORIFIED body (i.e.- “God-speed”)

5) It enables us to know as we are known (and love with a perfect love)

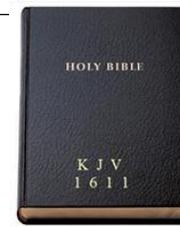
1 Cor 13:12

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but **then shall I know even as also I am known.**

John 16:23

And **in that day ye shall ask me nothing.** Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you.

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- The fact we won't ask the Lord anything at the Rapture is not because he refuses to take questions, but because we will have perfect knowledge and understanding- the MIND OF CHRIST (1 Cor 2:16)

6) It enables us to see the Lord as he is

1 John 3:2

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

- No man can see the Lord as he is and live

John 1:18

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

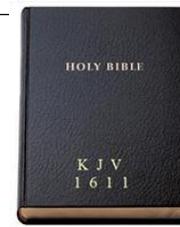
1 John 4:12

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Exo 33:20

And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

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- We will not see him AS HE WAS, the GALILEAN Christ whose glory was VEILED by his body but AS HE IS, the GLORIFIED Christ whose glory is REVEALED by his body

2 Cor 5:16

Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

Matt 17:2

And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

Rev 1:13-16

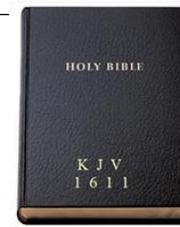
And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire;

And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

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- We will not see his BACK PARTS, we will see his FACE

Exo 33:23

And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

Job 33:26

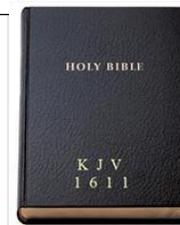
He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

Rev 22:4

And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.

1 The 4:17b

“...and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”



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