

Jesus Followers ought to Clothe themselves with _____.

¹ For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. ² We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. ³ For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies. ⁴ While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. ⁵ God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit.
2 Corinthians 5:1-5 (NLT)

²⁰ . . . the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.
Philippians 3:20-21
(cp. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

• My Future _____ should determine My Present _____.

² we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, . . .
⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:2,6-7
(cp. Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

4 QUALITIES OF OUR FUTURE TRANSFORMED BODY

1. OUR TRANSFORMED BODY WILL BE _____.

⁴² So it will be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;
1 Corinthians 15:42

2. OUR TRANSFORMED BODY WILL BE _____.

⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory;
1 Corinthians 15:43
(see also: Philippians 3:20-21; Luke 24:36-42)

3. OUR TRANSFORMED BODY WILL BE _____.

⁴³ . . . it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 1 Corinthians 15:43b

4. OUR TRANSFORMED BODY WILL BE _____.

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.
1 Corinthians 15:44
(see also: 1 Corinthians 15:45-50, 53-57)

**• My Present _____ should prepare me for
My Future _____ .**

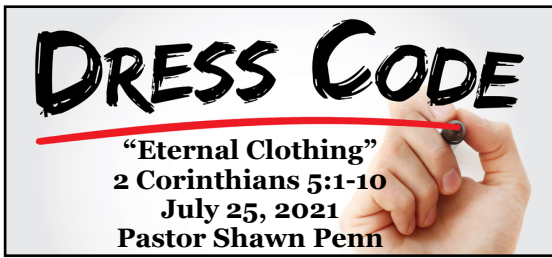
⁸ Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.
2 Corinthians 2:8-10 (NLT)

⁷ . . . Instead, train yourself to be godly. ⁸ “Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.”
1 Timothy 4:7b-8 (NLT)

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:58

AM I LOOKING FORWARD TO _____,

OR WILL I EXPERIENCE _____?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your A-Ha from Sunday's message? Why?
2. In what ways would your life be different if you did not believe in life after death?
3. Describe what Christ's resurrection means to you.
4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-49. What illustrations does Paul use to explain why the resurrection is not illogical but makes good sense?
5. Although the resurrection body is somehow related to the natural body, how is it also radically different (vv.42-49)? What are the 4 Characteristics Pastor Shawn outlined? Which of these characteristics are you looking forward to most?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:8-10 and 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. What message is there in these verses for those who grow weary of this physical world and long to escape to heaven?
7. Based upon how you're living your life right now, what can you expect to receive when you see Jesus, Reward or Regret? Why?