

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (NLT) - 5 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.<sup>4</sup> 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.

6 So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. 7 For we live by believing and not by seeing. 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.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 50-53 (NLT) - 42 It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. 43 Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. 44 They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.

50 What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever.

51 But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! 52 It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. 53 For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.

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### **Study Guide**

This last Sunday we spoke about New Bodies, and that the Christian approach to life is about right desires, not just right destination. When we consider the physical life we have and the senses that God has given us, what does that tell us about Him? What does it tell us about how He wants us to experience life?

Take some time to read John 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. As you read this scripture, what stands out to you? What does it tell us about ordering our desires?

Many times we feel it would be easier to just file things as good or bad but, while there are some things that are evil in all manifestation, many sinful acts are about enjoying something God created for us to enjoy, just in the wrong way. In a way that hurts us or others, or takes advantage of another for my pleasure or comfort, or that moves God out of the center of my life. But it doesn't have to be that way. When we order our desires correctly we have the opportunity to engage in creation and enjoy all God has for us there, to His glory and to our benefit.

So, take some time and talk about what the right ordered and disordered version of some of these things might be. What does the right ordered version of enjoying food look like? What about the disordered? What about sex, recreation, art, music, exercise, reading, etc...

Ultimately all we do can and should bring glory to God and draw us closer to Him and who he made us to be, so let's take some time to pray for each other that we might be able to do so as we order our desires with God far and above everything else.