



## Lord's Day Worship

June 14th, 2020

### Opening Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Read or have someone in your home read Isa. 55:6-9 aloud and then have an open time of prayer, giving thanks to the Lord for His goodness and mercy. After closing in prayer, you may begin to play the service audio or video from the church website.

### Riverwood Family Greeting

The Joransen Family

### Song of Praise

Dave & Jolie Herndon, Mark Reed, Stacey Joransen, Misty Smith

*"Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)"*

### Elder Greeting & Lord's Table

Daniel Scarbrough

### Song of Praise

*"Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care"*

### The Teaching of the Word

Credo – Part 19– *"Raised Imperishable"*

### Song of Response

*"Is He Worthy"*

### Benediction

Read or have someone in your home read aloud 2 Thessalonians 3:5

# CREDO

- "I Believe" -

The Christian Faith in a Faithless World

Part 19

"Raised Imperishable"

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## Introduction: Are we a soul or a body?

- C.S. Lewis is often wrongly said to have written that, "You do not have a soul. You are a soul. You have a body." Although his writings do not contain this quotation, it is possible he could have stated it somewhere given his affinity for the author George MacDonald who is quoted as saying, "'Never tell a child you have a soul. Teach him, you are a soul; you have a body.'"
- Although quotes such as these are intended to remind us of the impermanence of our current existence, they fall short of conveying the fullness of what the Scriptures teach about being made in God's image.

**Key Point:** Although we have been made new in our spirit, our redemption is incomplete until we have been renewed bodily as well. Thus, we live our lives in anticipation and hope of our \_\_\_\_\_!

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**  
I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY  
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH;  
AND IN JESUS CHRIST,  
HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD,  
WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,  
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,  
WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED & WAS BURIED,  
HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD,  
ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN  
FROM THE DEAD  
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,  
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE  
FATHER ALMIGHTY;  
FROM THERE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE  
THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.  
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT;  
THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH;  
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS;  
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS;  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,  
AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING.  
AMEN.

## The Holy Spirit: His Work

- We believe that the Holy Spirit will bring to completion the work of redemption begun in us and will effect the resurrection of our bodies in order that we might worship and serve the Lord for all eternity.

### The Design & Purpose of Our Body

Gen. 1:27—So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Gen. 2:7—the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

#### Important Observations

1. Both body and soul must be understood to belong to the image of God in man.
2. Although body and soul may be referred to separately, they must be understood in reference to a single person.
3. The body was specifically designed by God to be the means by which the soul would be manifested in the world.
  - ⇒ For the worship of God (Gen. 2:15) and fellowship with Him (Gen. 3:8)
  - ⇒ For the stewarding (Gen. 1:28) and enjoyment of (Gen. 2:16, 24) creation.

**Key Point:** The fact that God intended for man to worship and serve Him forever as an embodied creature demonstrates that the body is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Our Fallen Nature & the Death of Our Body

Gen. 3:17b, 19—cursed is the ground because of you...By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Rom. 8:24—Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

#### Important Observations

1. The curse of God upon the physical world because of our sin is experienced in and through our bodies.
  - ⇒ We suffer the decay and breakdown of our bodies (Eccl. 12:1-8)
  - ⇒ We suffer physically (Exod. 3:7) and emotionally (Psa. 55:4) in the world.
2. Our own sinful nature is experienced in and through our bodies.
  - ⇒ When we experience temptation and fall into sin.

James 1:14-15—<sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

**Key Point:** The reality of death reminds us that there is something wrong with both \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ that can only be set right by God Himself.

## The Incarnation & the Work of Redemption

John 11:25—Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

### Important Observations

1. In the incarnation, the Lord Jesus forever added true humanity to His person in order that He might redeem it.
2. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus shows that it is God’s intention for mankind to dwell bodily with Him forever.
3. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus means that His people experience new life in Him.

**Key Point:** The resurrection of Jesus Christ affirms the goodness of human embodiment and provides the means by which we can live godly lives in the \_\_\_\_\_ while anticipating our own bodily redemption in the \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Resurrection of Our Body — Important Observations from 1 Corinthians 15

1. Just as our death is like that of \_\_\_\_\_, our resurrection will be like that of \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Cor. 15:20-22—<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

2. Our resurrected body will be our true body that has been made \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Cor. 15:35-37—<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

3. Our resurrected body will not be subject to physical \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Cor. 15:42-42—<sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

4. Our resurrected body will be animated by the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than by biological processes.

1 Cor. 15:44-49—<sup>44</sup>It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

5. Our resurrected body will be fit to serve God forever in the \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Cor. 15:50-53—<sup>50</sup>I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup>Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

**Key Point:** The redemption of our body brings to \_\_\_\_\_ the work of redemption that God began in us by the Spirit’s work of regeneration and renewal.

“Even though fire destroy all traces of my flesh, the world receives my vaporized matter, and though dispersed through rivers and seas, or torn in pieces by wild beasts, I am laid up in the storehouses of a wealthy Lord.”

—Tatian, *Address to the Greeks* (2nd C.)

## Concluding Thought

**Just as we were created (body & soul) to worship & serve our Creator in life, so we are re-created (soul & body) to worship and serve Him throughout all of \_\_\_\_\_.**

“In the Genesis account soul was created after body, following the generation of the body, adapting itself to the body. In the end, the process is reversed: the body becomes adapted to the spirit, following after the soul, as the glorified body.”

—Thomas Oden, *Classic Christianity* (Paraphrasing Didymus the Blind on 1 Cor. 15:42)

Rom. 8:23—And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

“Don’t fear to suffer in your frame, because your frame will one day share in your delights. Every nerve will thrill with delight, every muscle move with bliss; your eyes will flash with the fire of eternity; your heart will beat and pulsate with immortal blessedness; your frame shall be the channel of beatitude; the body which is now often a cup of wormwood will be a vessel of honey; this body which is often a comb out of which gall distilleth, shall be a honeycomb of blessedness to you. Comfort yourselves then, ye sufferers, weary languishers upon the bed: fear not, your bodies shall live.” — C.H. Spurgeon