



We have a hope in what is yet to come, based on the promises of God that He is making all things new: our bodies, creation, and our relationship with Him. Let's take a look at what that means, and what we have to look forward to in eternity!

*Read: Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Corinthians 15:42-58; Romans 8:18-25
(Read from 2-3 translations, if possible.)*

What do we learn about our resurrection bodies from these verses?

How will they be different from our bodies now?

How will they be similar to our bodies now?

Romans 8:18 says that God's glory will be *revealed* in us...what can we learn about the glory that we as Christians already possess, even now? How might that change how we move and function in the present?

If we currently only have the first fruits of God's spirit, what might it look like to have the fullness of that same spirit in the life to come?

Read: Genesis 3:17-19

In light of the curse God put onto the earth in Genesis, what do we see regarding creation when we connect this passage to Romans 8:18-25?

How does the longing of creation compare to our longings as humans?

How are the children of God and creation interconnected?

Read: Revelation 22:1-5; Genesis 3:8

How will our relationship with God change when we reach eternity?

How do these passages give us a hint of what life will look like when all is made new?

Dream a little about the incredible things to come...what might life look like? What do you hope for?

What longings do these things create in your spirit?

Make it personal:

What will it be like to look the God of the universe in the face on that day?

In your current relationship with God, does the idea of looking Him in the face produce anxiety and shame, or excitement and anticipation, or perhaps something else?

Why?

What might you need to shift either in your behavior, or your perception of God through the sacrifice of Jesus, to make the shift into the joy of anticipation?

Pray about this in your personal prayer time, and if it might be helpful, find a more mature believer to talk through some of this with as well.

Prayer:

Father, thank you so much for the promise of the resurrection to come. Help us to see this through the lens of all the beauty and joy you have planned for your children, and help us to live our lives in such a way that conveys our excitement and trust in you, as we walk through our days here and now. Amen.

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