

From the Preacher's Pen... A couple of Sunday's ago we looked at Mark's record of the Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-8) and noted the fact that Jesus' appearance was changed. Likewise, Moses and Elijah appeared with Him and Luke says (Luke 9:31) their appearance was said to be "in glory" or "splendorous." It appears that what the Gospel writers are trying to tell us is that, for a brief time, Peter, James and John saw something of the eternal "body" of eternal beings with God.

We obviously understand very little about eternity, being presently confined to this temporal world. At the same time God does make several attempts to tell us more about what we are to be in eternity. So, let's take a look at just what it means to have...

A New Body Like Jesus

Let's begin with Luke's account of Jesus' Transfiguration. You can read the entire account in Luke 9:28-36, but for the moment let's focus on the appearance of Jesus, Moses and Elijah in verses 28-32: *Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing became white and gleaming. 30 And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, 31 who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him.*

God tells us several significant things. The appearance of Jesus' face and clothing changed. Matthew 17:2 describes it as *His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light*. Mark simply sums it all up as Jesus was *transfigured* or literally that He *metamorphized* before them (Mark 9:2). Both Matthew and Mark describe the change to Jesus' clothing into being extremely white (Mark remarks that no laundry on earth could make them that white while Matthew says they were as white as light).

Luke, however, explains that Jesus' face became *different* (literally, became another face) and His clothing *white and gleaming*. While most translations simply combine the two words Luke uses to make it extremely or dazzlingly white, the precise word Luke used means to *flash like lightening!*

Luke also tells us that Moses and Elijah appeared in *glory* (splendor) using the same word that he uses for the apostles seeing Jesus' glory in verse 32.

A safe conclusion is that the general appearance of Jesus was much like that of Moses and Elijah who are now eternal beings.

So what does all this have to do with us and our eternal bodies? For that we must look at some later lessons from the apostle Paul. In Philippians 3:20-21 he reminds us of who we as Christians really are, and what we are going to be when Jesus returns: *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.*

As citizens of that eternal city we look forward to going home to live. But our home is not a temporal, time bounded place. Rather it is beyond time; it is eternal and that requires a body like God. So how do we get that new body of glory like His? By the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Our present bodies are described by Paul (verse 21) as *humble* (NASB), *lowly* (NKJV) or *vile* (KJV). While some may find the KJV term extreme, it is actually the one closest to Paul's actual word! The term he used for our current body is literally *the body of humiliation!* He's not insulting what God has created but rather recognizing that a body made perishable by the humiliation of sin and death, a body that will return to the dust from which it was made, is unfit for an eternal heaven.

Our new body will be transformed, remodeled, the outward form changed into a body conformed (sharing the likeness) to Jesus' eternal body. Where humans were originally created in God's image or likeness, now we are to be recreated into His image again. Just as Jesus created us before so now He will re-create us like Him for eternity!

Paul would give an extended lecture on this transformation process, its necessity and its implications to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 15:35-57). Apparently, from Paul's forcefulness (*You fool!* of verse 36), some Christians were inventing all kinds of nonsensical stories much like today.

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Opportunities to worship, study & serve:

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY 10 AM

WORSHIP 11 AM

EVENING WORSHIP 6 PM

WEDNESDAY 7 PM

THURSDAY LADIES' BIBLE CLASS 10 AM

Congregational Potluck 3rd Sunday
each month after morning worship
(except June, July & August)

Welcome to all!
We are glad you are here!

Enter to Worship...
Leave to Serve

Welcome to our visitors today! We hope & pray you'll be blessed by your time with us & will join us again soon!

Our Prayer List: Keep the following in prayer this week as you "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17): Matthew Odom, Heather Ries, Hunter Shirley, Rene Turner, Ruth West, Everrett Martin, Anna Mae Hardin, the Najera family, Bill Hall, Reta Wallace, Jim Holder, Kristi Martin, Wally Myers, Cindy Turpin, Millie Cunningham and...

Our Missionaries: Jack Farber and Aaron Knotts and families; Cesario Espinosa, Jr. (Philippines).

Previously Announced Family & Friends: Robin & Marc Estabrook (Julie Evan's sister & nephew), David Reffner (Flora Doster's grandson with MS), Art Stoneking & wife (friends of Carl Catozzi, cancer), Jeremiah Haller (Flora Doster's grandson), Annette (Cindy Turpin's sister), Cole Myers (grandson of friend of Myers), Sheila Simpson, Lillian Wilhite & Mirlene Smith (relatives of Lynn Shirley), Teresa Acosta, Rosemary Glasier (Crystal Mora-Landroth's mother), John Hoover's relatives with personal difficulties, Shelly Cooper (friend of Carl Catozzi), Lucas Espinoza (Brian Campbell's friend), Kaesha Raffterfer (Gene Pinkston's cousin, cancer), Chuck Keels (friend of Grubbs with cancer), Terri Fillipski (cancer, Julie Evans' cousin).

Special Requests: WBS & WEI Bible study students; Kevin & Nancy Chambers & World Christian Broadcasting; Judy Hagner, son Preston, daughter Angela & son James. Brandi Schroeder (Flora Doster's granddaughter with MS); Dallas Purcella's mother; Paulina's father (Arnold); Julie's father; Laurel's father.



OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Nate Panka (Cleo Wise's grandson); Javier Najera; Fernando Najera, Frank Torres (Javier's brother & cousin); Eric Shirley; Trevor Farrow (Allen's son); Scott Hoover (John's son); Ariel Gomez; Paul Sipes & April Belovedstone (Sue Wolfe's son & daughter); Ismael Lopez; Robinson Goldman (Cindy Turpin's son-in-law); Nathan Bagley.

New: Jason: Carl Catozzi's son in need of prayers; Michael Lightheart: son-in-law of Flora Doster, health problems; Jimmy Handtegen: friend of David Davis following a stroke; Derwin Jackson & family: with his job; Sean & Vickie: Carl Catozzi's friends with struggles in their lives; Terri Hoover: John's daughter-in-law with serious health issues; Monica Lopez: George Mora's aunt with breast cancer; Jacob Shirley: struggles; Ray Stephenson family: youngest son's cancer has spread; John Mark: in Afghanistan in danger for his faith; Jimmy Davis: friend of Mike Evans with melanoma; Adele Fink: recovering from colon cancer; George Ponter: Brian Campbell's cousin with multiple struggles; Anna Price: via Kimberlee Myers; Chuck Hedrick family: with multiple health problems; Kathy Gonzalez: grandmother of Heavyen & Tatum with cancer; LaVerne Jackson's mother; Sandra Watson, Sue Shepperd & Elzie Shirley: Lynn's family with illnesses; Ray Stephenson; Delbert White's Granddaughter Jessica; Tom Hoover: (John's

brother); Jerry Odom; Barbara Harrison.

Steve McDonald: Jean Grubbs granddaughter's husband, tests.

Donald Helton: on dialysis until he has a kidney transplant.

Kirrin Kerby: (Jean Grubbs grandson).

Bob Harrod: with cancer

Carolyn Fisher: multiple health issues (via Cleo Wise).

Dena Lara: Myers' niece with complications of Valley Fever.

Larry West: is home.

Owen Doster: home and recovering from heart surgery.

Ken Price: friend of the Halls with kidney disease.

Scott Untersee: recovering from surgery.

Lionel Gibeau: Jeanne Martin's friend with lung cancer.

Rick Richarson: Cheryl Campbell's brother with heart problems.

Carl Catozzi family: especially his unborn great-grandson.

Stephen Story: Everrett Martin's friend.

Kelly Starbuck: friend of the Martin's with blood clots.

Amy Grubbs: recovering from back surgery.

Amy Vestal: multiple health problems.

James Lilly: church member in Show Low with brain cancer.

Lonnie Akins: brain cancer.

Jerry & Billie Odom: travelling.

Chuck & Beverly Hedrick: both having eye surgery soon.

Also Our New Christians, those travelling and especially those with spiritual struggles.

Help Update Our Prayer List!

If you have someone listed in our *Previously Announced Family & Friends* prayer list & would like them to REMAIN on the list, please fill out one of the *Prayer Request* cards in the foyer & give it to Lester.

Upcoming Events...

Men's Business Meeting: **TONIGHT** after evening worship.

Monthly Singing: August 26 at 2:30 in Eloy

5th Wednesday Prayer & Song Meeting: August 29.

Potluck: October 21 — Group #2 [Toni Pierce's group] set-up, serve & clean-up

Changed we must be in order to belong to Christ on this earth. And changed we will again be in order to belong to Christ for eternity in heaven. That change will be just like the change He went through to return to heaven.

What does this all mean for us? Paul says it this way, *Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.* (Colossians 3:1-4)

So, knowing who you really are as a Christian and who God intends you to be for eternity, how will you live your life this week?

— *Lester P. Bagley*



Praise the Lord
Rosemary Lara
asked for prayers last Lord's Day as she strives for a closer relationship with family.

Church TV Program Reminder

In Search of the Lord's Way

Cox Cable channel 13 @ 7:30 am

Dish channel 239 @ 4 am

DirecTV channel 307 @ 4 am

www.searchtv.org

Getting to Know Your Bible

DirecTV channel 377 weeknights @ 7:30 pm



✓ Checkup ✓
How are we doing?

Attendance Last Week:
Sunday Morning Bible Class = 68
Sunday Morning Worship = 118
Sunday Evening Worship = 65
Wednesday Evening = 66

Giving
2018 Weekly Budget = \$3,015.00
Contribution Last Week = \$2,568.00

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Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning August 12

Adult Bible Class: • *Acts of the Apostles* Lester Bagley
Announcements: Allen Farrow
Song Leader: Curt Odom
Prayer: Kim Myers
Serve Communion: Carl Catozzi, Bill Hall, Tom Haney,
John Hoover, Brian Campbell
Sermon: • *Mark 10a* Lester Bagley
Closing Prayer: Derwin Jackson

Count Contribution: Tom Haney & John Hoover

Sunday Evening August 12

Song Leader: Curt Odom
Prayer: Derwin Jackson
Sermon: • *Parables of Jesus - 11* Lester Bagley
Serve Communion: Bill Hall
Closing Prayer: John Hoover

Wednesday Evening August 12

Song Leader: Allen Farrow
Prayer: Chuck Hedrick
Devo: Jeffrey Coleman
Closing Prayer: Curt Odom

Anniversaries



August 23: *Eugene & Cheryl Pinkston*
August 29: *Michael & Linda Roberts*
August 29: *Pete & Cleo Wise*
August 31: *Jim & Janet Mong*
September 4: *Richard & Jenny Reid*
September 9: *Humberto & Allison Chavez*

Birthdays



August 12: *Clara Hill - Brooklyn Myers*
August 14: *John Hoover - Billie Odom*
August 15: *Shari McFerrin*
August 16: *Lou Bagley*
August 21: *Wynona Garrett*
August 25: *Jorge Mora*
August 26: *Barbara Harrison*
August 29: *Crystal Mora Landreth - Sue Wolfe*