

I. Introduction.

- A. When you accept Jesus as Savior and Lord you become a child of God by adoption (Rom. 8:15).**
- B. As a child of God you receive all the rights of the one and only Son of God, the Lord Jesus (Rom. 8:17).**
- C. As children of God we do not enjoy all of Christ's riches at the present time; one of the things we eagerly await is the redemption of our bodies (v.23).**
- D. When Jesus returns those who know him will receive a glorified body (Phil. 3:21); until then those who know Christ are called to glorify him (1 Cor. 10:31).**

II. Our Glorious Transformation.

- A. Our bodies will not be redeemed until Jesus returns (v.23 and 1 John 3:2).**
- B. When Jesus returns our bodies will be transformed "in a flash, in a twinkling of an eye" (1 Cor. 15:52).**
- C. If God can take an acorn and turn it into an oak tree, he can take a body that has turned to dust or a body that has been destroyed by some other means and give the remains new life (Luke 1:37 and 1 Thess. 4:16,17).**
- D. All of nature eagerly awaits the return of Christ (v.19); his return will mark the beginning of a series of events that will lead to a new and improved natural order.**
- E. God cursed the creation because of Adam and Eve's sin (v.20,21 and Gen. 3:17 and 5:29); science calls this curse the second law of thermodynamics.**
- F. One day there will no longer be a curse of decay and death (Rev. 22:3); in the new heaven and earth (2 Pet. 3:10-12 and Rev. 21:1) nothing will decay or die.**
- G. The indwelling Holy Spirit is a deposit, our guarantee that one day we will be physically redeemed (v.23).**
- H. Spiritual redemption is a present reality ...physical redemption is a future certainty; our hope in Christ is a sure hope (v.24,25).**
- I. Nothing we can imagine will compare with the awesome experience of being with Jesus and being like Jesus!**