

## Theology Simply Explained — WSC38 Believers' Benefits at the Resurrection

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection? **At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**



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What benefits to Believers received from Christ at the resurrection. And the answer is that the resurrection believers being raised up in glory shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment and made perfectly blessed into the fallen joining of God to all Trinity.

So, first is first, part of that is believers will be raised up in glory First Corinthians. 15 tells us that our bodies will be like Christ's glorious body there. The Apostles are arguing, that We know that the resurrection history because Jesus is resurrected, and if the resurrection isn't true, and if Jesus isn't resurrected, then we don't actually have any hope.

And the Apostles have been preaching wise the entire time. But not only is Jesus, the first evidence or proof of resurrection. He's also the pattern we are going to have bodies made like unto his current glorious body and we don't know what that glory will be like until we see it and are able to experience it.

You wouldn't know what a tall fully grown tasseled corn plant would look like if all you had was a kernel and you give someone who's never seen corn before. You don't even get macabre. You just get my kernel a seed and when you say we're gonna put this into the ground and then we're going to come back and a few months and we're gonna get it and we're gonna feed tons of people with it.

All right, we're gonna feed 20 people with it or something like that. And Leave it then cure crazy. Well that's the illustration for Corinthians 15. The difference between the body that goes into the ground and the body that comes up out of the ground and it's made from the body that went into the ground.

But the difference is completely different as a corn, kernel from a fully grown, tasseled corn plant. So believers will be raised up and we'll be raised up with bodies that our like Christ's body Bodies that are made for the new heavens in the new earth bodies that are incorruptible.

And so, nothing ever goes wrong with them. The kind of body that if you're playing with a three-year-old and you were each being a fantasy superhero, he would make up for himself in vulnerable to pain, or disease or damage not quickly healing, but instantly healing and with all sorts of powers that we can hardly imagine walking through walls and teleporting.

And The Lord knows what else. So believers will be raised up in glory would even better than that. Will be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment. Good place to see these two things together as Romans 8, or he makes the chain from hear me for new predestined call.

Justified glorified and he starts asking if God's for us, who can be against us and the place that you would most have someone against you is actually at the judgment because we're sinners, you deserve to have someone against you. But who will bring a charger goods cuts like it's called who justifies, who is the one who condemned.

Jesus who died rose again and intercedes for us. So the prosecutor is declaring us, innocent. And the condemner is pleading our case At the judgment. There are other places I think in the Catechism class of church went to Matthew 25 and the sheep on the, on the one hand, in the goats, and the other hand.

But I think the Romans 8 seen as marvelous, we will be openly acquitted earnestly acquitted. Vindicated interceded for defended And of course it won't be like the opening chapters Job sit and doesn't get to talk. But God, our, our defender does all the talking, just as the blood of Jesus speaks infinitely better than the blood of Abel as Hebrews chapter 12, says, so at the, resurrection believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted or friends of God and he is bleeding.

Our case in the day of judgment and made perfectly blessed and the full enjoying of God to all eternity. So we enter into the blessedness, the pleasure of our Lord Psalm 73. Nevertheless, we're continuing, I'm continually with you. You take me by the hand, you guide me, Barbara your council and afterward you will receive me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven, but you the full enjoyment of God is a blessedness of all eternity. And that joy is the joy that the Lord Jesus has had as God before he ever became a man. And he said that he came and spoke to us so that his joy might be in us.

He and with Scripture talks about our joy being completed or perfected and it will be in glory, although it will also grow because we'll still be fine it. And although, you'll be completely full of joy, the moment you actually pass them to glory. And then, of course, again at the resurrection and enjoy God body and soul forever, as a complete human being, We'll still be fine.

I'll still grow while have increasing capacity. Jesus had Jesus was perfectly right? Just perfectly blessed in his soul even while he was subject to circumstantial and then misery here. But the fruit of the Spirit of joy and yet he was growing because he became a man as an embryo.

And so he grew in wisdom and he grew in stature and he grew in favor with God. So that as his capacity increased from an embryo to an infant too, a man, This is capacity increase to the group in in favor with God. And so, shall we not only have the perfect blessedness of full enjoyment of God, for all eternity?

But that perfection of that fullness will increase in size as our capacity increases. So looking forward to the resurrection, it's tempting to have it as my favorite characters and question. I know theologically I should say like we quoted refer to from First Corinthians 15 without the resurrection order to be most pitted.

But my favorite still 37, the souls of believers are at their death and so forth, but praise God. For the, the extreme and intense blessedness. That was almost impossible to think about grasping has been security for us in Christ, and it makes us feel foolish rightly. So for all of the worldly indulgence that we We often consider blessedness and happiness.

Like I've often said those who want a Christianity that blesses them primarily an earthly things. The prosperity people, the health and wealth people, they're not

designing their promising, too much, their desiring. It promising far too little.