



# **The Power and Purposes of The Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

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**The Resurrection's  
Power**—Jesus: “the  
first born from the  
dead (Col.1.18





## **The Fullness of the Triune God's Creative Power Resurrected Jesus**

- Acts 2:24--“God raised Him from the dead...” In fact, all three Divine Persons raised Jesus from the dead—
- By God the Father—Ga. 1:1—“...God the Father, Who raised Jesus from the dead.”
- By God the Son—John 2:19—“...Destroy this temple (His body), and I will raise it again in three days.”
- By God the Spirit—1 Peter 3:18—“He was put to death in the body, but made alive by the Spirit.”





## *God's Power at Jesus' Resurrection Resuscitated Other Dead People!*

“the radiance that streams forth from Christ's resurrection”

Matt. 27: 50-53 –“Then Jesus shouted out again, and He released His spirit. At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead. They left the cemetery after Jesus' resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people.”

**1 resurrection – many resuscitations!**



## ***Pentecostal Power Flows From the Resurrected Jesus***

Jesus – the “life-giving Spirit” (1 Co. 15:45--“The first Adam became a living being; the last Adam—Christ—became **a life-giving Spirit.**”

Holy Spirit is called “the Spirit of Christ” Ro. 8:9—“If anyone does not have **the Spirit of Christ**, that one does not belong to Him.”

Holy Spirit flowed from the resurrected Jesus at Pentecost—

Mark 1:7 John—“I baptize you with water, but He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”



## The Resurrection's Purposes

**1. To Display the First Fruit, the Prototype of Fully Redeemed Humanity to inhabit the heavens the earth after Jesus returns!**

1 Co. 15:20-23—”But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead! **He is the first fruit of a great harvest** of all who have died (in Him)...Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Him will be raised when He comes back.”

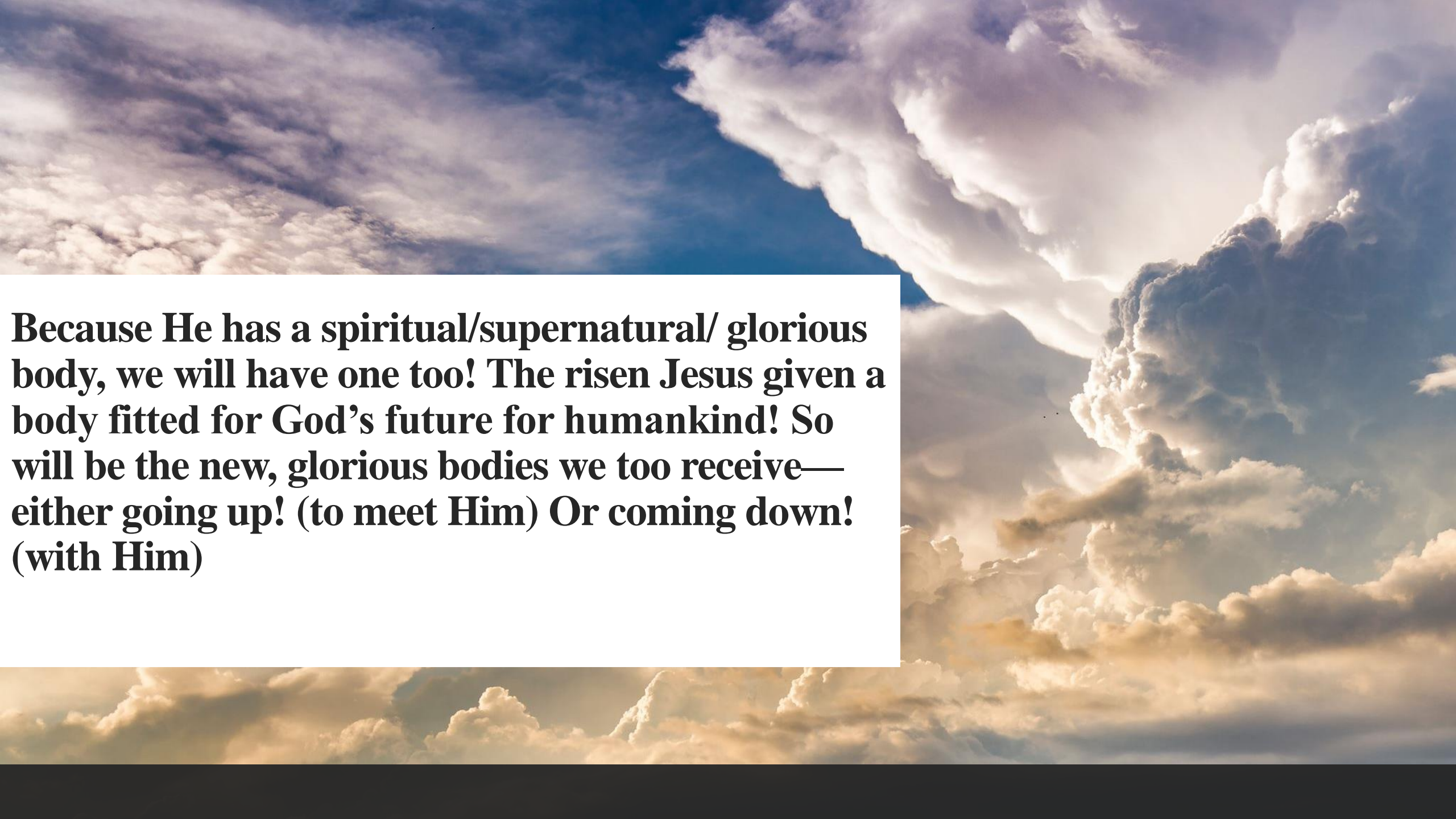


## 2. To Assure Us That Our New Bodies Will Be Like His!

1 John 3:2-- “Dear friends, we are already God’s children, but we do not yet know completely what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that **we will be like Him**, because we will see Him as He truly is.”

- the resurrected form of Jesus IS the “full redemption” that we will inherit—the redemption of our bodies!
- tangible (still physical); glorified (filled with divine power)  
immortal (incapable of dying)





**Because He has a spiritual/supernatural/ glorious body, we will have one too! The risen Jesus given a body fitted for God's future for humankind! So will be the new, glorious bodies we too receive—either going up! (to meet Him) Or coming down! (with Him)**





## **The Resurrection's Application**

**First, we can love being physical.**

1 Tim. 6:17—God “richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.”  
(to enjoy: to partake of, to take into oneself”)

No dualism—all creation was made “good”—fallen now, but still retaining a portion of God’s goodness, to be “enjoyed.”



**Second, the church must dwell together physically.  
As we are “embodied” beings, we must be an “embodied”  
Church, not a disembodied, digital Church—**

1 Co. 12:27—“Now you are Christ’s body, and individually members of it.”



## **Ten ways we must be the “embodied” Church:**

1. We must “assemble” physically so interaction is permitted

- 1 Co. 14:26--“when you meet together (assemble)—...the various members interact together in the same time/space  
--the problem with “observing” vs. “participating”
- Matt. 18:20—“Where 2 or 3 are assembled in My name, there am I among them.”
- Heb. 10:25—“Do not give up the habit of assembling/meeting together, as some have done, but keep on encouraging each other daily...”






2. Greet one another with a holy kiss

- Ro. 16:16
- Matt. 5:47—"If you greet only your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even the pagans greet their own."

3. The Pentecostal hug—the holy handshake – transfer of spiritual power? (a form of laying on of hands)

4. Eating meals together – early church love feasts – the power of proximity to produce fellowship

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5. Being in each other's presence-- Peter's healing shadow—the power of proximity
  6. Laying on of hands for healing—the power of proximity
  7. Anointing with oil for healing—the power of proximity
  8. Singing/being taught together – power of agreement and corporate spiritual stimulation to love and good deeds
  9. Proclaiming together—the power of agreement
  10. Leadership cannot guide the entire meeting—prophecy at home?