

## RAISED AND GLORIFIED BY THE POWER OF GOD

Paul tells us in Philippians 3:20, 21 that when our Lord returns He will "change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body," and this will be done "according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

When we think of this vile body in which we live being changed and fashioned like unto the glorious body of our blessed Lord, we are struck with the magnitude of such a work. We have lived in these vile bodies, some of us for many years, and if we could have made them like the glorious body of Christ we would have done so long ago, but we could not because we did not have the power. By the grace of God we have tried to be Christ-like in our behavior, but we have not been able to glorify our own bodies. That work is far too great for us to accomplish. But how wonderful it is to know there is One who can and will accomplish the glorification of the bodies of every heir of promise.

To those who have been blessed by the Spirit of God to understand that "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (Rev. 19:6), it sounds rather sad and pathetic to hear religious people talking about God "trying" to do one thing and another but not being able because men "will not let Him." We know that if He is able to "subdue all things unto himself," then He certainly is not trying to do anything. He does His will...and none can stay His hand (Dan. 4:35). And in the resurrection, when the Lord is ready to glorify our bodies He will not stand over our grave imploring us to let Him raise us out of the ground and change our vile body, but He will do it by His mighty power, without the least bit of help from us.

---Elder Ralph Harris