



**SERIES: Philippians (May / June) “Finding Joy in the Journey”**

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**Scripture: Philippians 3:21**

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**TITLE: A Serious Upgrade**

“It’s the pits getting old.” I’ve heard it, and now I’m saying it. It’s weird to feel how my body is changing as I age. It’s hard watching parents slow down. It’s sad to see loved ones fade and pass. But though broken bodies and seasons of life are the facts of life, there’s a great reality that we need to know and embrace. What sin has destroyed, God will restore and improve.

What do I mean by that? Listen to Paul’s encouragement in Philippians 3:21 (NLT):

He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

Can I get an “Amen”?

The size of our problems is always dwarfed by the size of our God. But the problem is we focus so much on the issues and not on the solution. God has the power. Paul says the same power that He will use to make everything right and get things in order in the future is the same power He’ll use to resurrect and glorify our bodies.

You see, when we die, our broken-down bodies go into the grave, but our spirits immediately enter into the presence of God. According to Hebrews 12:23, the spirits of the righteous made perfect are in Heaven. According to 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17, when Christ returns, our souls and our bodies will be reunited. We will get a trade-up. Our bodies will be fixed and improved: No more aging; no more aching; no more balding, wrinkling or sagging. We will get a serious upgrade.

I don’t know about you, but I long for this day. And if you doubt this, Paul says, “[the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.](#)” Christ will have the power to rule the Millennial Kingdom. By His power, Christ will transform the Earth’s topography (Zech. 14:4-8) and the natural kingdom (Isa. 11:6-9).

Paul’s point is He has the power - More power than He-Man; more power than the strongest body-builder or ruler. He’s got this. He’s got your soul. He’s got your resurrection.

So here’s my challenge for you today: Our future resurrection is a glorious future and reality. And if we’re not careful, we can look at it as an insurance policy. But that’s not biblical. We are called to live a life pleasing to God, while stewarding this temple of the Holy Spirit. So what can

you do to steward your body well? Is it managing what you put into your body? Is it how you are using and exercising it? Is it what you are viewing that is transforming your mind?

I look forward to becoming all God saved me to be. But I also don't want him to find my physical CARFAX to read like a salvage title.

So let's steward this gift well. When we do this, people will see our Heavenly citizenship on display, and God's reputation will win the day.