

THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,

VERSES

REVELATION

HEBREWS 4:14-16

I CORINTHIANS 15:35-38

PHIL 3:3-12

Before You Listen -

- Why can we confess this?
- Why do we use the word resurrection?

While You Listen

- How can we confess this? Because we are sons and daughters of Christ
- It's very radical as it's physical and not just emotions or disembodied soul.

 Christianity is very visceral and physical
- The cross and the bleeding Jesus, the God who became flesh, the corporality of our faith is unavoidable.
- We will be resurrected not reincarnated. Reincarnation means a mind body divide. Our bodies are not denigrated and will be made new not erased.
- The resurrection is a gift to us that we don't deserve
- We talk about the resurrection of the body of Jesus in the creed before we talk about our bodies being resurrected for a reason. The body is seen as an enemy that needs to be either tortured or tamed in our current times. It ends up making spiritual reality more important than physical reality.--making a false distinction between the two.
- Our bodies are a daily reminder that we are dying.
- There's an element in society that worships the body. There's always a "never enough" going on.
- But God uses the body. We live our faith in our bodies. The pains and the trials are good things.
- Most people think Christianity is "denial of the body" like anti pleasure.

 Or they think, "you need to fix my body myself".



While You Listen Continued

- What will our new bodies be like? Think about what our life will be like when we will not be trying to fashion each other into our own image.
- Gnosticism was prevalent. This particular phrase of the creed was important to combat this heresy. God was present in all of Jesus. Fully God and fully man.

After You Listen -

Physical presence in church is important. It is important to be physically there. We need to taste, see and smell the person next to us. It is the earthy reality of life.

WHAT DID YOU LEARN

- 1. Our bodies will never be "enough".
- 2. My physicality drives my repentance
- 3. Our bodies and physicality drive us to repentance.

WHY IS THIS GOOD NEWS?

It is our life and hope.

I have hope that my physical limitations will be no more. It allows me to live in the here and now better. God cares about our bodies and is working in the physical realm. It is through the physical that He shows us how much he loves us.