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HOW SOON WILL WE RECEIVE IT?

Paul said we would receive our glorious bodies when Jesus Christ came back for the saved at the catching up or the Rapture (Philippians 3:18-21). Please read the previous article (When Will We Receive Our New Body?). We know that Paul was not saying that Christ would come back and give them a heavenly, glorified body at the moment their material body dies. If that would have been Paul's instruction, he would have contradicted himself since he had instructed the church at Corinth that all of the saved would receive their heavenly glorified bodies at the same time. Paul said they would receive their body which would never die and would remain sinless when Jesus Christ came for the saved at the catching up (the Rapture).

⁵¹*But I am telling you this strange and wonderful secret: we shall not all die, but we shall all be given new bodies!* ⁵²*It will all happen in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For there will be a trumpet blast from the sky, and all the Christians who have died will suddenly become alive, with new bodies that will never, never die; and then we who are still alive shall suddenly have new bodies too.* ⁵³*For our earthly bodies, the ones we have now that can die, must be transformed into heavenly bodies that cannot perish but will live forever.*

⁵⁴*When this happens, then at last this Scripture will come true—"Death is swallowed up in victory."* ⁵⁵⁻⁵⁶*O death, where then your victory? Where then your sting? For sin—the sting that causes death—will all be gone; and the law, which reveals our sins, will no longer be our judge.* ⁵⁷*How we thank God for all of this! It is he who makes us victorious through Jesus Christ our Lord!* 1st Corinthians 15:51-57 NIV