

**GLORIFICATION OF THE SAINTS**  
Redemption Accomplished and Applied  
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**I. Review:**

**II. Glorification of the Saints**

**A. Definition**

“It is the complete and final redemption of the whole person when in the integrity of body and spirit the people of God will be conformed to the image of the risen, exalted and glorified Redeemer, when the very body of their humiliation will be conformed to the body of Christ’s glory.” Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*.

Ro. 8:23; Phil. 3:21

**B. What it IS NOT: the “intermediate state” immediately following death**

1. Westminster Confession Chapter 32: 1 (attached)
2. NT Affirmation: 1 Thess. 4: 13-18; Heb. 12:23
3. OT Affirmation: Luke 16:19-31, 23

**C. What it IS:**

1. Westminster Confession Chapter 32: 2
2. 2 Cor. 3:18 – completion of what Christ has already begun to do in the saved
3. 1 Cor. 15:50-54 - resurrection and glorification: not just resuscitation (compare Mt. 27:50-53), but continuity in the body
4. Ro. 6:4-5: Christ’s death and resurrection of Christ guarantees the believer’s resurrection with Him (and resulting glorification with Him)  
(A) by virtue of union with Christ Ro. 6:5

(B) of which the Holy Spirit is the earnest deposit. Ro. 8:9-11

#### **D. Characteristics of Glorification**

1. Entered by all saints together simultaneously (contrast the intermediate state)
  - (A) No priority advantage by virtue of earlier death (I Thess. 4:16-17)
  - (B) The body of Christ is glorified together, now and then (Eph. 2:5-7)
2. Glorification is the consummation of union with Christ: glorified with Him.
  - (A) revelation of the glory of Christ (Tit. 2:11-14)
  - (B) full revelation of our adoption as God's children (Ro. 8:17-19)
  - (C) brings to fruition all the purposes of God in redemption (2 Tim. 1:9)
3. Glorification is inseparably connected to the *Parousia*, the return of Christ
  - (A) 1 Thess. 4: 16 (for final redemption of the church)
  - (B) Rev. 19:11-16 (for final vengeance on God's enemies) *cf.* Is. 34:8-11
4. Glorification of believers is connected to the physical renewal of all creation.
  - (A) The creation longs for that day. Ro. 8:20-23
  - (B) We long for that day. 2 Pet. 3:13
  - (C) Not just a spiritual or incorporeal renewal, but physical.
    - No Christian "immortality" without glorification and resurrection
    - The pattern of Christ's resurrection and glorification will be the pattern of our resurrection and glorification (although not identical)

## **Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 32**

### **Of the State of Men After Death, and of the Resurrection of the Dead**

I. The bodies of men, after death, return to dust, and see corruption (Gen. 3:19) but their souls, which neither die nor sleep, having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them (Luke 23:43): the souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God, in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies (Heb. 12:23; cf. Luke 16:19-31, 23). And the souls of the wicked are cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day (Jude 1:7). Beside these two places, for souls separated from their bodies, the Scripture acknowledges none.

II. At the last day, such as are found alive shall not die, but be changed: (I Thess. 4:17) and all the dead shall be raised up, with the selfsame bodies, and none other (although with different qualities), which shall be united again to their souls forever. (I Cor. 15:42-44).

III. The bodies of the unjust shall, by the power of Christ, be raised to dishonor: the bodies of the just, by His Spirit, unto honor; and be made conformable to His own glorious body. (Acts 24:15; Phil. 3:21)