

We shall be changed, and yet we shall know ourselves and shall be known. We change, day by day, while we live here. There is a ceaseless work of decay and renewal going on in our bodies, yet still the old features and marks remain; and each of us can say, as we look back through a long course of years, "It is I myself." So shall we feel, as from the other world we trace our life here. We shall recognise ourselves, our bodies shall be made up of what that world supplies, drawn together by the living power of our spirits, as GOD has willed, just as our bodies now are formed and built up from the materials of the world around us. They shall be glorious compared with those we have now, as the ripe corn plant surpasses the humble seed from which it springs. But we shall not be strangers to ourselves or to those who have known us in our time of trial.

We are taught of a spiritual resurrection, a death unto sin and a new birth unto righteousness. The old evil nature dies, perishes, till it is gone. A new nature takes its place. GOD sees what we cannot see, a change in the whole inward spiritual being. We are called to take care that this change does indeed go on till it is finished in us. CHRIST was growing to His spiritual perfection, becoming day by day glorious in His Spirit—in His true self, even while His body wore out under its hard toil and suffering. He gave His disciples, on the Mount of Transfiguration, a glimpse of what GOD saw Him. After His resurrection, when He appeared on earth, that glory was still veiled. But S. John in his vision saw what the risen and glorified Son of Man has become. So may we grow

like Him while we use His grace to purify ourselves even as He is pure. Our spirits may in GOD's sight take on them the glory and the beauty of His. The failing, sickly, dying body of the weakest and least honoured among men may be the veil of such glory as angels love to look upon. When the last remains of that form under which GOD has been working is stripped away; then in the divine presence, seeing Him as He is, the spirit shall take on it CHRIST's full likeness. Then there is the redemption of the body, the manifestation of the Son of GOD. The spirit shall be given a body which shall be for it a fitting partner in the glorified and endless life.

Because CHRIST lives we shall live also. From Him we gain that which changes and renews and builds up our spiritual being into the likeness of His own. Made members of Him we have a part of His eternal life. His resurrection is the pledge that if we suffer with Him now, and are like Him obedient to GOD's will unto death, we shall appear with Him in glory, with body, soul and spirit fit for the life of Heaven.

GOSPELLER.

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"HE IS RISEN!"

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"JESUS CHRIST is risen!"

Hark! the Angel sings,  
Jesus, our salvation,  
Healing in His wings.

Jesus Christ is risen!  
Satan's captives freed,  
Death no more the victor,  
Christ is risen indeed!

Jesus Christ is risen!  
Finished is the strife,  
And He says to each one:  
"Lead the risen life."