

Is death the end?

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

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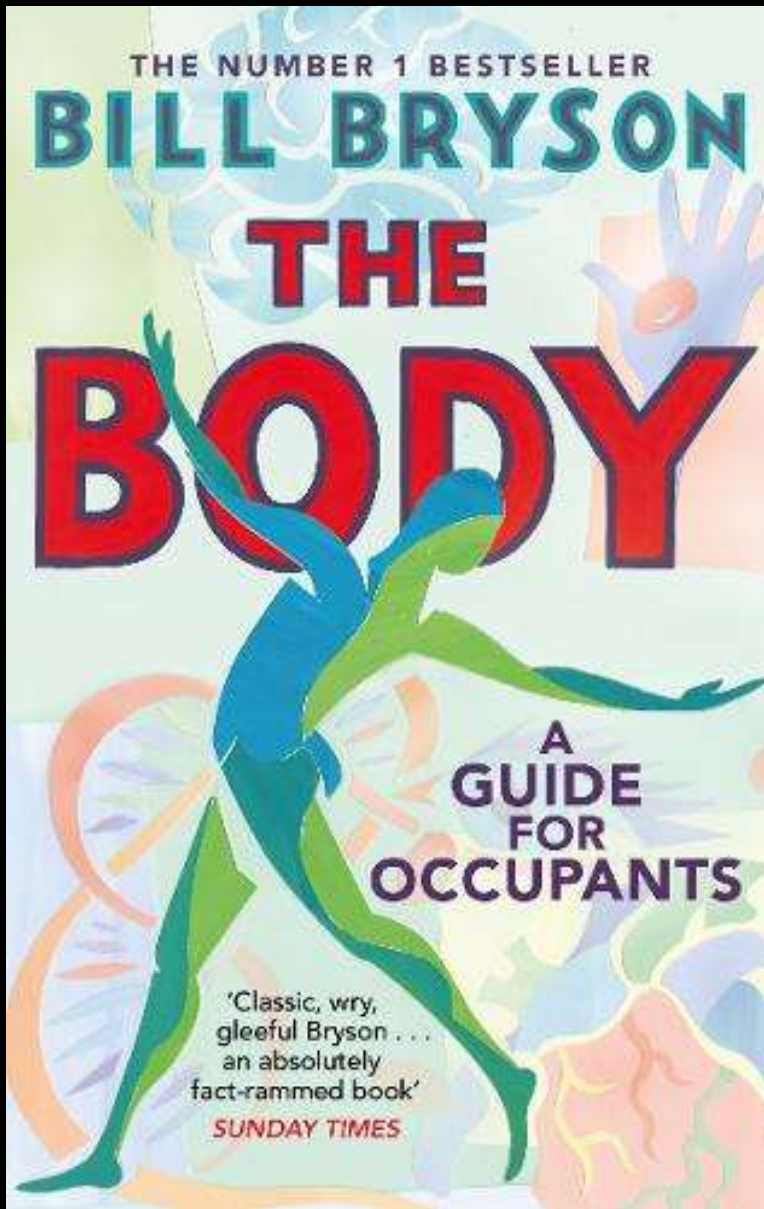
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And that’s you gone. But it was good while it lasted, wasn’t it?”

1 Corinthians 15v54-57

⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15v3-6

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

1. Our bodies will be transformed (v35-41)

1 Corinthians 15v36-38

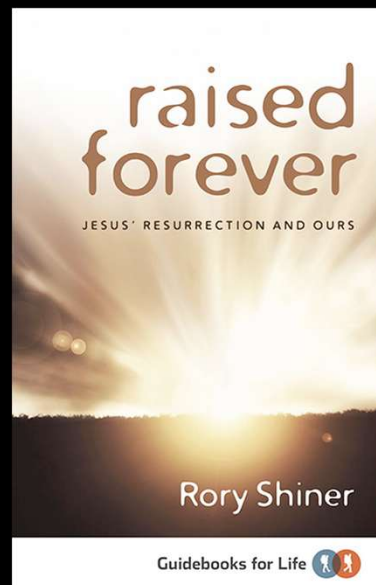
³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.



Philippians 3v21

will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

“Just as our old bodies were made for the old creation, with a glory befitting the old creation, so too God will make new bodies fit for the new creation – bodies made perfect for the place they will be.”



Rory Shiner



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2. Our bodies will be glorious (v42-49)

1 Corinthians 15v49

And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

1 Corinthians 15v42-44

⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.



“It is a serious thing to remember that the dullest, most uninteresting person you can talk to, may one day be a creature, which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship.”

CS Lewis

3. Our bodies will be victorious (v50-58)

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⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

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1 Corinthians 15v58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

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*But yet that is not you gone... if you are trusting in Jesus then you can look forward to a **new resurrection body.**”*