

Intro

The body is good

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Gen.1:27)

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. (Ps.139:13-15)

Jesus had a body

- *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, (Jn.1:14)*
- *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. . . seen. . . heard . . ." (1Jn.1:1-2)*
- *Every spirit that acknowledges that JC has come in the flesh is from God. (1Jn.4:2)*
- *For in Christ all the fulness of Deity lives in bodily form, (Col.2:9)*
- *Christ Jesus, who being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing (i.e., emptied himself), taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death--even death on a cross (Phil.2:6-8)*
- *JC said, "This is my body." (Mt. 26:26; Mk. 14:22; Lk. 22:19; 1Cor. 11:24) => Bodies matter. God took on one.*

It's important to be seen => Incarnation => It takes a body to make a pt. & have a message

Christ has risen and so we shall rise--the "first fruits" of a coming harvest (Rom. 8:23; 11:16; 16:5; 1Cor. 15:20ff.; James 1:18; Rev. 14:4)

Fall -- death, striving, exhaustion, pain in childbirth, etc.

There's more to a person than a body

- *Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle & quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. (1Pet.3:3-4)*
- *Charm is deceitful, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. (Prov.31:30) -- King Lemuel*
- *But the Lord said to Samuel, Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him [Eliab]. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1Sam.16:7)*
- *If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away... (Mt. 18:8-9; also 5:29-30) => Jesus, the healer of eyes & feet & disease (b/c physical body counts), nonetheless suggests drastic action if they cause you to sin--health of soul is paramount!*
- *But we have this treasure in jars of clay ("earthen vessels," NAS). . . . Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light & momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2Cor.4:7, 16-18)*
- *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may grant you to be strengthened with might in your inner being... (Eph.3:16)*

God is Spirit in essence (2Cor.3:17-18; Jn.4:24; Phil.3:3) -- omnipresent, etc.

Body is temple

- *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the HS, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body. (1Cor.6:19-20; ≈ 1Cor.3:16-17 which talks about not destroying God's temple b/c it's sacred and believers are that temple.) -- context is sexuality*
- *Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God. . . offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. (Rom.6:12-13) => The body is a place of worship and an instrument of worship.*
- *Senses: Speech (Mt.12:34), Hearing, Sight, Touch, Taste, Smell -- arms, hands, ears, mouth,*