Ten Characteristics of the Coming New Body

After reading the last paper about “Inheriting the World” some might say **“**OK, thanks for the history lesson, Steve, but what does that have to do with us? What happens to us in Abraham’s resurrection?” Thanks for asking! The answer is that we aren’t personally involved in that resurrection. By then we’ve already been gathered together from the earth by the Lord Jesus Christ and taken to heaven. The alive and dead Christians at that time will be changed.

 1 Cor. 15:51-53

 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep [be dead], but we shall all be changed,

 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we [the alive ones] shall be changed.

 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

This Christian event spoken of here and in 1 Thess. 4 is a completely different event from the resurrection of the just and Israel spoken of in Ezekiel 37:12, Luke 14:14, Acts 24:15, and Rev. 20:4,5 and many other scriptures. They get raised and live on the earth in Christ’s millennial kingdom. We have been changed and raptured to heaven. When that happens, what will we be like?

 1 John 3:2

 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

What will we be like after the rapture? We don’t know. But we do know that we shall be like him.

 Phil. 3:20,21 REV

 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

 who will transform our lowly body, so it will be in the same form as his glorious body, by the power that also enables him to subject all things to himself.

We can’t wait! … but I guess we have to!