

MCF Bible study on Luke 20:27-40

1. **From Luke 20 :27-40, mentioned about the resurrection, Jesus said that "Those who are resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage." i.e. no gender difference anymore. Please tell me what our body will be like?**

**ChatGPT :**

The passage from Luke 20:27-40 addresses a theological question about marriage and the afterlife rather than directly describing what our bodies will be like after resurrection. However, based on other biblical teachings and interpretations from Christian theology:

1. **Glorified Bodies:** It's believed that after resurrection, believers will have glorified bodies, which are free from the limitations and weaknesses of our current bodies (1 Corinthians 15:42-44). These bodies will be imperishable, glorious, powerful, and spiritual.
2. **Resurrection Similarities and Differences:** While our resurrected bodies will be transformed and perfected, they will also retain some continuity with our current bodies. Jesus' resurrected body, for instance, could be touched and recognized, yet it was also capable of miraculous things like appearing and disappearing (Luke 24:36-43).
3. **Spiritual Nature:** Our resurrected bodies are often described as spiritual bodies, meaning they are perfectly attuned to the spiritual realm and fully obedient to God's will.
4. **Unity in Christ:** Gender differences, as indicated by Jesus' teaching, may not have the same significance in the resurrected state as they do in earthly life. The focus will be on our unity in Christ rather than distinctions between genders.

Ultimately, while the specifics of our resurrected bodies are not fully detailed in the Bible, the emphasis is on their transformation into something glorious and suitable for eternal life in the presence of God.

2. **If marital relationships will no longer exist in heaven, does that mean there will be no family relationships either?**

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The teaching that "those who are considered worthy of taking part in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage" (Luke 20:35) suggests that earthly marital relationships, as we understand them, will not continue in the same form in heaven. This has led many to wonder about the nature of family relationships in the afterlife.

Here's a broader perspective based on Christian theology:

1. **Transcendent Relationships:** The relationships we have on earth, including family ties, will be transformed in heaven. The Bible emphasizes that all believers will be part of a larger spiritual family in the presence of God. This doesn't necessarily mean that familial love or recognition of family members will be erased, but that our relationships will be elevated to a new, spiritual level.
2. **Unity in Christ:** In heaven, all believers are united in Christ, forming one family under God. The love, unity, and fellowship experienced there are

believed to surpass any earthly relationship. Earthly distinctions, including those of family, may be transcended by this greater unity.

3. **Eternal Joy and Fulfillment:** Heaven is described as a place of perfect joy and fulfillment (Revelation 21:4). The relationships we have in heaven will be fulfilling and complete, even if they are different from our current earthly relationships.
4. **No Loss of Identity:** While relationships are transformed, there's no indication that we will lose our personal identities or memories. Many believe that we will still recognize and know our loved ones, but the nature of our connections will be transformed in the context of eternal life.

In summary, while marital relationships as we know them may not continue in heaven, this does not mean the end of relationships or connections with loved ones. Rather, all relationships will be perfected and fulfilled in a way that aligns with the eternal nature of heaven, where love, unity, and joy are complete.

### **3. For the Sadducees they think that resurrection will cause trouble on the marital relationship, so they don't believe resurrection, does it mean they don't believe God? can they be saved?**

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The Sadducees' disbelief in the resurrection does not equate to disbelief in God. However, their theological views, particularly their denial of the resurrection, had significant implications for their understanding of salvation and the afterlife.

#### **Belief in God vs. Belief in Resurrection**

**\*Belief in God:** The Sadducees believed in God and were devout in their adherence to the Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament). They served in prominent religious roles, especially in the Temple, and were committed to the worship of God according to the traditions they upheld.

**\*Rejection of the Resurrection:** The Sadducees rejected the idea of the resurrection, which was a core belief for many other Jews at the time, particularly the Pharisees. Their disbelief was based on their interpretation of the Torah, which they believed did not explicitly teach about the resurrection.

#### **Can They Be Saved?**

From a Christian theological perspective:

**\*Faith in Jesus Christ:** Salvation, according to Christian teaching, is not based solely on intellectual or doctrinal beliefs but on faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, who died and was resurrected for the forgiveness of sins. The New Testament emphasizes that belief in the resurrection of Jesus is central to the Christian faith (Romans 10:9).

**\*Salvation for the Sadducees:** If an individual, including a Sadducee, came to believe in Jesus Christ and accepted His resurrection, they could be saved. However, if they continued to reject the resurrection and Jesus' identity as the Messiah, this would be seen as a rejection of the core message of the Gospel.

**\*God's Grace:** Christian theology also emphasizes that God's grace is paramount in salvation. While belief in key doctrines is important, it is ultimately God's grace that saves. The possibility of salvation remains open to anyone who turns to God in faith, even if they previously held different

beliefs.

In summary, the Sadducees' rejection of the resurrection was a significant theological difference, but their belief in God was genuine. From a Christian perspective, salvation would depend on their acceptance of Jesus Christ and the resurrection, as these are central to the Christian understanding of salvation.