**Easter 2024: His past changes our future**

**What is coming?**

**1. Jn. 11:25-27 - Jesus is both resurrection and life**

**2. 1 Thess 4:13-18 – The dead and the living get new bodies**

**3. 1 Cor. 15:50-53 – Instant immortality**

**4. 1 Jn. 3:2 – His glory transforms us; we become like Him! (Phil. 3:20-21)**

**Just as today when we read the Word and see Jesus in it, we are transformed (2 Cor. 3:18). When we see His glory, it transforms us!**

**5. Heb. 12:22-23 - The present condition of those in heaven**

**So, what is He like?**

**1) Immortal; “not being subject to death” (n.) - 1 Cor. 15:50-55**

**2) Incorruptible –**

* **“The state of not being subject to decay/dissolution/interruption; incorruptibility”**
* **Never have to deal with “me” again - Rom. 7:14f.**
* **“Opposite = subject to decay/destruction, perishable”**

**3) Recognition is different; Change appearance?**

 **Heb. 12:22 - Perfect “spirits”**

**Rich man knew Lazarus and Abraham**

 **Saul - 1 Sam. 28:11-14**

 **Luke 24:13-35**

**4) Invisibility and intangibility - Luke 24:36-39**

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**5) Can still participate in many good things in physical life - Lk. 24:40-43; Jn 21**

**God intended good things for the physical world**

**6) If the New Jerusalem is 1,500 miles high and over the earth (?), it may well be that we can fly. We do come back with Jesus in the clouds, so He can fly and the horses at least can.**

**Applications**

**1. We should look forward to our future selves**

* **The glory of God will change us**
* **We will never again have to deal with our sin**
* **We will never die, grow old, or hurt like we do now**
* **We will be able to do things we could not to before, like Jesus can**

**2. We should look forward to our future reunions**

**3. We should stay close to Him so that we will not have shame when He comes**

**If that is what we will be, we should take advantage of Christ in us now; become who we are! (Constant theme in Scripture) Gal. 2:20**

**4. Easter isn’t just about His resurrection, it’s also about ours**