

1 Corinthians 6:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. The resurrection grounds Paul's sexual ethic. Ἐγειρεν (ῆγειρεν, 'raised', aorist—completed act) refers to Christ's resurrection; exegerei (έξεγερεῖ, 'will raise', future) promises ours. The link: **by his own power** (dia tēs dynameōs autou, διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ). The same power that resurrected Jesus will resurrect believers' bodies.

This demolishes 'it's just my body' logic. Your body isn't disposable flesh but resurrection-bound matter. Sexual sin isn't merely 'what I do in private'—it defiles the future temple. Christ's resurrection body (Luke 24:39-43: physical, touchable, eating) previews ours. If God cares enough about bodies to resurrect them eternally, sexual purity matters cosmically. The interim body is stewardship of what God will perfect.

Historical Context

Greek immortality concepts featured the soul escaping the body (Plato's *Phaedo*). Christianity's bodily resurrection was scandalous—pagans mocked it (Acts 17:32). But Paul insists: the body's destiny determines its present meaning. Gnostic tendencies (spirit good, matter bad) couldn't accommodate resurrection or incarnation. Paul's Jewish framework: God redeems the whole person, body included. First-century believers lived in this tension: resurrection promised but not yet experienced, so bodily ethics anticipate eternal physicality.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does belief in bodily resurrection change the way you treat your body— diet, exercise, sexuality, rest?
2. What would it mean to view your current body as a 'preview' or 'prototype' of your eternal resurrection body?
3. How does Christ's physical resurrection validate the importance of embodied worship, sacraments, and sexual purity?

Interlinear Text

ο	δὲ	θεὸς	καὶ	τὸν	κύριον	ἔγειρεν	καὶ	ἡμᾶς
G3588	And	God	also	G3588	the Lord	hath	also	us
G1161	G2316	G2532			G2962	G1453	G2532	G2248

ἐξεγερεῖ	διὰ	τῆς	δυνάμεως	αὐτοῦ
raise up	by	G3588	power	G846
G1825	G1223		G1411	

Additional Cross-References

Romans 8:11 (Resurrection): But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

2 Corinthians 4:14 (Resurrection): Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

Acts 2:24 (Resurrection): Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Philippians 3:21 (Parallel theme): Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

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