

Romans 8:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you— Paul identifies the Spirit by His greatest work: raising Jesus from death. The same pneuma who generated resurrection life in Christ's crucified body dwells in believers. This is God the Father acting through God the Spirit—clear Trinitarian action. The present tense "dwell" (oikei) indicates permanent residence, not temporary visit.

He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you (zōopoiēsei kai ta thnēta sōmata humōn)—Zōopoieō means "make alive," the same word used for Christ's resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:22). Ta thnēta sōmata ("mortal bodies") will be transformed into immortal resurrection bodies (1 Corinthians 15:42-44; Philippians 3:21). The Spirit who indwells now guarantees future glorification—He is the arrabōn, the down payment ensuring full inheritance (Ephesians 1:14).

Historical Context

The resurrection of the body was scandalous in Greek thought; Plato taught immortality of the soul but considered bodily existence the problem, not the solution. Paul's Jewish background affirmed bodily resurrection (Daniel 12:2; Job 19:26), but Christians went further: resurrection bodies modeled on Christ's glorious body (Philippians 3:21), transformed yet continuous with earthly bodies.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the Spirit's work in Christ's resurrection provide certainty for our future resurrection?
2. What's the difference between Greek immortality of the soul and Christian resurrection of the body?
3. How should the certainty of bodily resurrection affect how we care for and think about our physical bodies now?

Interlinear Text

εἰ	δὲ	τὸ	Πνεῦμα	τοῦ	ἐγείρας	Ἰησοῦν	ἐκ	
if	But	G3588	Spirit	G3588	he that raised up	Jesus	from	
G1487	G1161		G4151		G1453	G2424	G1537	
νεκρῶν	οἰκεῖ	ἐν	ὑμῖν	ὁ	ἐγείρας	τὸν	Χριστὸν	ἐκ
the dead	dwelt	in	you	G3588	he that raised up	G3588	Christ	from
G3498	G3611	G1722	G5213		G1453		G5547	G1537
νεκρῶν	ζωοποιήσῃ	καὶ	τὰ	θνητὰ	σώματα	ὑμῶν	διὰ	
the dead	quicken	also	G3588	mortal	bodies	your	by	
G3498	G2227	G2532		G2349	G4983	G5216	G1223	
τὸ	ἐνοικοῦν	αὐτοῦ	Πνεῦμα	ἐν	ὑμῖν			
G3588	that dwelleth	his	Spirit	in	you			
	G1774	G846	G4151	G1722	G5213			

Additional Cross-References

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.

2 Corinthians 4:11 (References Jesus): For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

Romans 8:9 (Spirit): But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

1 Corinthians 6:14 (Resurrection): And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

Romans 8:2 (Spirit): For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

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.

John 5:21 (Resurrection): For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

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.

Ephesians 2:5 (References Christ): Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Ezekiel 37:14 (Spirit): And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.