

David Dickson's

Truth's Victory Over Error

Chapter XXXII. (Part 3.)

***Of the State of Men after Death,
and of the Resurrection of the Dead.***

Question IV: Will those living at the last day change without dying?

Question V: Do resurrected persons have the same substantial bodies as before?

Question VI: Shall the bodies of the unjust also be raised?

QUESTION 4.

WILL such as are found alive, at the last day not die but be changed?

Yes. 1 *Thess.* 4.17. 1 *Cor.* 15.51,52.

Well then, *do not the Papists err, who maintain, that such as are found alive at the last day shall die?*

Yes.

By what reasons are they confuted?

(1) Because, Christ is ordained of GOD to be judge of *Quick* and *Dead*; which distinction would be needless, if all truly Died; *Acts* 10.42. (2) Because, the Apostle says (as was cited) *we shall not all sleep but be changed*: which place of Scripture is not to be read, *we shall all therefore sleep*, as the *Papists* say, putting in the *Greek* particle *oun* for *ou*, *therefore* for *not*. Because this *illative particle oun*, cannot agree sufficiently with the Apostle's Preface, *Behold, I shew you a mystery*: This *Mystery* is not death itself, but a *change* in place of *death*, which is a great *Mystery* indeed. (3) As the Resurrection of many of the *bodies* of the *Saints*, was a preamble of the great Resurrection of our bodies, (*Matth.* 27.52,) So the translating of *Enoch*, that he might not see death, seems to be a preamble of this *change* in place of *death*. *Heb.* 11.5.

Quest. V. "SHALL the Dead be raised up, with the self-same bodies and none other, although with different qualities, which shall be united again to their Souls for ever?"

Yes. *Job* 19.26-27. 1 *Cor.* 15.42-44.

Papist claims are urged to distort the Greek text of 1 *Cor.* 15.51:

ΟΥV vs. ΟΥ
Vulgate and D.R.
version negate last clause of verse "we shall all be changed."
Chrysostom quotes the Greek as our text: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." The ancient Syriac 'Peshitta' translation also agrees with ours.

Well then, *do not the Socinians, Arminians Anabaptists, Photinians and Marcionites err, who maintain, that the same individual body, is not raised up, which we carried about with us here, and laid down in the dust, but another body made of Air, or of some matter more subtle than Air, altogether void of flesh and blood, made a-new by Christ?*

Yes.

Do not likewise the Quakers err, who maintain also, That the same individual body is not raised again, but that there is a change thereof in substance, as well as in quality?

Yes.

By what reasons are they confuted?

(1) Because, it is evident from Scripture, *Phil. 3.21*, that there shall be a transforming of those vile bodies at the Resurrection, to be fashioned after the *glorious body of Christ*; and so not the forming and making of a new one, which is hard to conceive, if the same individual body should not be raised, and if this change here spoken of, be as well in substance, as in quality. (2) Because, the *Apostle says*, He that raised up Christ from the dead, shall also quicken your mortal bodies (*and therefore not bodies made of Air*) by his Spirit, that dwelleth in you; *Rom. 8.11*. (3) The same *Apostle says*, For this corruption must put on incorruption, and this mortality must put on immortality; *1 Cor. 15.53*. (4) Because, the *Justice of GOD requires* that the same individual bodies shall receive rewards, or punishments, which have done good or evil, while life remained; *2 Cor. 5.10. Rom. 2.6. Eph. 6.8*. (5) Because, the *body of Christ*, who is the efficient cause of our Resurrection, (*1 Cor. 15.4, 12, 13, 16,*) rose again that same individual body, *Luke 24.39,40*.

Quest. 6. “*SHALL the bodies of the unjust by the power of Christ, be raised to dishonour?*”

Yes. *Acts 24.15. John. 5.28,29. Phil. 3.21*.

Well then, *do not the Socinians err, who maintain, there shall be no resurrection of the unjust?*

Yes.

By what reasons are they confuted?

(1) Because, the *Apostle says*, We must all appear before the Judgment-seat of Christ, that every man may receive the things done in the body; *2 Cor. 5.10*. (2) Because, the hour cometh, in the which, all that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation: *John 5.28,29*. (3) Because, the *Apostle says*, being accused before *Tertullus*, there shall be a Resurrection of the dead, both of the Just and Unjust; *Acts 24.15*. (4) Because, according to *Enoch's Prophecy*, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his Saints, to execute Judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them; *Jude verses 14,15*. (5) Because, many of them that sleep in the dust of the Earth, shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, and everlasting contempt; *Daniel 12.2*.