

It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 1 Corinthians 15:43 (ESV)

## **We will radiate glory.**

It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. 1 Corinthians 15:43 (ESV)

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body,... Philippians 3:20–21 (ESV)

Revelation 1:12-18; Acts 22:6-8

## **What difference does this make?**

- The frailties of our earthly bodies build a desire for the health, power and vitality we will have in our resurrection bodies.
- When sin threatens to destroy the physical pleasures we have in our earthly bodies, we have the promise of even greater physical pleasures in the new creation with our resurrection bodies.

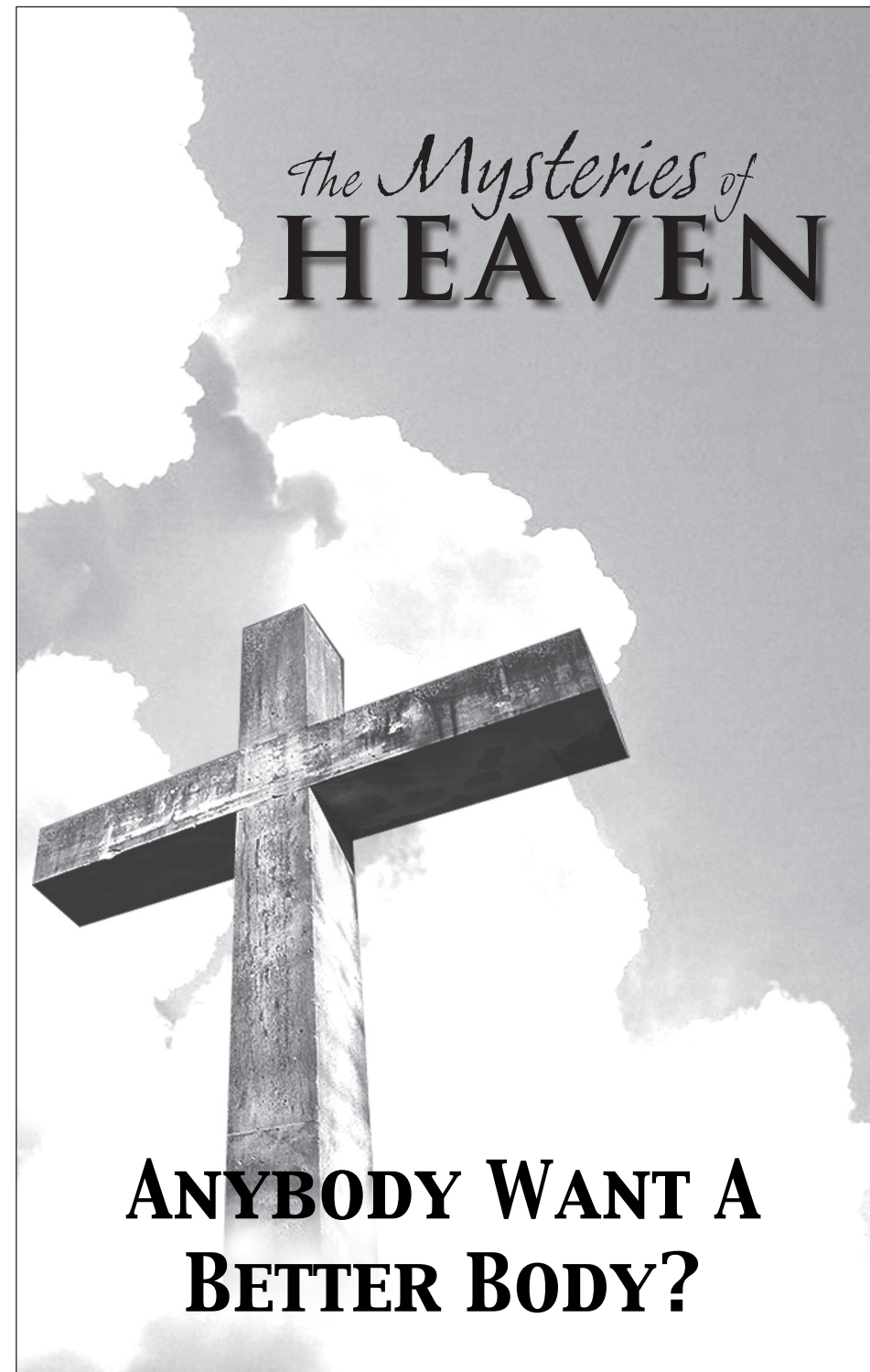
But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 1 Thessalonians 4:13 (ESV)

- The joys experienced in this life bait our imagination for the even greater joys we will have in the next.

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## Anybody Want a Better Body?

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Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:2 (ESV)

Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. 1 Corinthians 15:49 (ESV)

## How will our bodies be similar?

### Will we get a different body or a renovated old one?

See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." Luke 24:39 (ESV)

Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days... the temple he had spoken of was his body. John 2:19, 21

The self-same bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ. -Westminster Larger Catechism

### Will we have our memories?

### Will we eat?

And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Luke 24:40-43 (ESV)

Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." Revelation 19:9 (ESV)

## Will the food taste the same?

## Will we still have our gender, identity and race?

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." John 20:15 (ESV)

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, Revelation 7:9 (ESV)

## Will we be able to materialize where we want?

And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. Luke 24:31 (ESV)

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. Luke 24:36-37 (ESV)

## How will our bodies be different?

### Our bodies will be immortal.

What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 1 Corinthians 15:42 (ESV)

### We will be filled with power.