

Physical Events

There is false doctrine running rampant in the message today, that there is no physical Rapture. No physical return of the Lord Jesus Christ. That there is no glorified body, but only a theophany. That the return of the Lord is only spiritual. It is true that there is a spiritual side to the return of Christ, for Jesus Christ returned to the earth in a spiritual manner and became married to the bride in 1963. The bride had a spiritual union with Christ, and is now manifesting the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Brother Branham even titled a message "The Invisible Union of the Earthly Bride and Heavenly Bridegroom." The marriage was a spiritual happening. However, we do not want to stop only at the spiritual aspect of the message. There is also a physical side to the message. The message is not only spiritual, but it also contains physical truths. The bride will be wed to Christ in a physical union. Christ will return in a physical form to get his bride. There will be a glorified body. Below, we have supplied some scriptures and quotes detailing the physical side of the rapture and union with Jesus Christ.

First, let's look at how Paul described the uniting with Jesus Christ.

I Thessalonians 4:14-16

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

I Thessalonians 4:14-16

Notice, Brother Branham described how the meeting with the Lord is physical. He clearly states that Christ will return in a physical form and unite with his bride.

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That's the reason I do believe that when that Bride is called out and elected and set in the Book of Life, there'll come a sound from heaven that'll take such a baptism of the Holy Spirit into that Bride that'll take Her from the earth in a rapturing grace. God promised it. I don't care how many science or how--how many astronauts they signed up, and everything else, and how many million miles they can see; I don't care nothing about that. **There is a heaven, and there's a literal Jesus Christ there that'll come in a body form to receive His church and His Bride!** No matter how old the story seems, it's still the Truth; God said so. That's--that's what believers believe. God said, "I'm the Lord, heals all thy diseases. I am God and I change not." Amen.

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What a great thing it is today, Lord, to know that now we are united as one Spirit. One Spirit, the Holy Spirit, has got the Word in His grip, comes in us. And what a great thing it is, what a privilege to cut loose from all the world to unite ourself in Jesus Christ. **And to think that someday in a physical form, with a body like His own glorious body, we will set down at the table at the wedding supper and there be united and wed in marriage to Him, to live as Bride and Bridegroom through all times that is to come, through a ceaseless eternity.** Lord God, may this not be just a mythical thought to the people, but may it become such a reality, till such hunger and thirst will set into the people that they'll reading their newspapers, looking upon--listening at the radio and the news, and seeing it's uniting time. The signs are flashing. L THE_UNITING_TIME_AND_SIGN JEFF_IN 08-18-63
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Notice, Brother Branham said there is a “literal Jesus Christ that’ll come in body form”, and that “someday in a physical form” we will unite and be wed to Christ. In other words, the union with Christ is not only a spiritual union, but we will also be united with him in a physical form. It is false doctrine to only believe that the union with Christ is only spiritual. Now let’s look at some quotes and scriptures talking about how we will have a glorified body in the Rapture, not only a theophany.

Notice, Paul taught in the scripture that we will have a physical glorified body like Christ has.

Philippians 3:21

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.

Philippians 3:21

Brother Branham made it clear that we will have a glorified body in the Rapture.

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We meet Jesus in the air before we get home. That's right. II Thessalonians tells us that, for we meet Him in the air. A beautiful type of Rebecca meeting Isaac in the field in the cool of the day. We meet Him in the air; II Thessalonians tells us so: "For we which are alive and remain shall not prevent (or hinder) those which are asleep; for the trumpet of God shall sound; the dead in Christ shall rise first; we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air." Perfect, all these types... **Therefore the theophany, if you have died and entered into that theophany, what happens? The theophany comes to the earth to pick up the redeemed body.**

And if you're here in the air, you take the body to meet the theophany (There you are.), and caught up and go to meet the Lord in the air.

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When when a man is borned again from heaven, he becomes a spirit babe in Christ. And then when this robe of flesh is dropped, there is a natural body, theophany, a body not made with hands, neither born of a woman, that we go to.

Then that body returns back and picks up the glorified body.

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As you can see from the scriptures and quotes there is going to be a physical side to the Rapture. Christ will return in a physical form. We will meet him with a physical glorified body. We will be united and wed to him in a physical form. The uniting is not only spiritual, but it is physical also.