

## The Mystery

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“Most of us are working in the framework of our being a body when we only have one. Upon our death, we will leave these bodies behind and we will function as a spirit being. Physical things will be out of order in heaven; there fore don’t get too “attached” to this old body. Phil. 3:20, 21

“For our citizenship is in heaven, from whence we look for our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our body of humiliation, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body.”

The sentence of death hung heavy in the air since the days in the Garden of Eden due to the rebellion of Adam and Eve. God’s explicit word had been denied, Matt. 19:17 “If thou wouldest enter into life, keep the commandments.” The law was given, thus man was aware of them and the consequences, “By the law is the knowledge of sin” Rom.3:20.

It is consequent to sin that man is fully enslaved and has no way of retrieving himself out of this snare; therefore, there was an invasion from “outer space.” It is for this reason that Jesus came and took on Him an “earth suite,” which is totally foreign to the spiritual beings of heaven. The reason is that He may face our common enemy, Satan, on the level on which you and I faced him and lost, thus being his captives.

II TIM. 2:26 “And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”

Jesus died to pay the price that the broken law demanded, Gen. 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

Since only one sixth of all of humanity is remaining on the globe, which is six billion, of the forty plus billion, according to theologians, that suggests that thirty plus billion have perished and are held in the grave. Jesus, upon His death, went to the grave and hell to set the captives in the underworld free.

Psalm 68:18 “Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God may dwell among them.”

At His first coming our soul was set free from the penalty and the power of sin, and now we are waiting for His second coming to remove the curse from all of creation, which means the very body in which we are groaning even to now ( Rom. 8:22,23). Please read The Resurrection chapter (I Cor. 15:12-58) for more of the story.

“Up from the Grave He Arose!” and so will  
all believers at the first resurrection. Woe betide those who will  
be resurrected to stand at the “Great White Throne!”

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