



## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

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**1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-52 NKJV** – (51) Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— (52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

A year ago, I had outpatient surgery. Believe me the IV they placed in my arm knocked me out! Hours later I was fully dressed and in my bed at home. Don't remember how I got there. I really don't remember anything. It was so different, but the fact that I was home was such a wonderful experience. When I woke up, I was in an entirely different place. A place where I knew I belonged. For we who have accepted Jesus Christ, it will be the same. You shall rise and be at home in the twinkling of the eye. Home sweet home.

Some in Corinth claimed there was no resurrection from the dead for Christians. Paul has disputed that almost entirely, though he has agreed on at least one point. Namely, **that there's no way corrupt, dying "flesh and blood" bodies can possibly inherit the kingdom of God.**

Put another way, our naturally-born bodies cannot exist in God's presence in heaven for eternity. What the confused Corinthians don't understand is the mystery Paul reveals in this verse. It's the mystery he has been revealing throughout **chapter 15**. In a word, this is "transformation." God will, in fact, transform the "natural" bodies of Christians into glorified, or "spiritual" bodies (**1 Corinthians 15:44**) that will inherit God's kingdom, after all. That day, I look forward to it.

**SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 25:8-12**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** My home is in Heaven. I'm just traveling through this world.