

1 Corinthians 15:47-50:

“The first man *is of the earth, earthy* (Adam and his earthly body dominated by sin): the second man *is the Lord from heaven* (Jesus Christ who is exalted in Heaven with a sinless and spiritual body of perfection who will one day return to give us a glorified body – 1 Cor. 15:23).

“As *is the earthy* (referring to Adam), **such are they also that are earthy (referring to our present state in earthly bodies that reflect Adam’s body of sinful depravity): **and as *is the heavenly* (referring to the exalted Christ in Heaven who possesses a glorified body), **such are they also that are heavenly** (in view of our union with Christ, believers can look forward to possessing the same kind of transformed body that the heavenly and glorified Christ possesses today in Heaven). **And as we have borne the image of the earthy** (Adam’s image), **we shall also bear** (at Christ’s Coming – the Rapture) **the image of the heavenly** (Christ’s image, a perfect likeness to Christ’s moral glory and perfections – 1 John 3:2).****

“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood (our natural bodies with sinful inclinations and imperfections) **cannot inherit the kingdom of God** (we cannot enter the earthly and Eternal Kingdom, our Eternal State, in our present sinful bodies); **neither doth corruption inherit**

incorruption” (*that which is corrupted by sin and death cannot inherit that which is pure and eternal – we cannot live in the Eternal State in our present bodies – we need a spiritual one that functions in a perfect and sinless realm or environment*).