

## Intro:

As of today, I've run out of "Ask the Pastor" questions. If you don't ask a question quick, I'll have to come up with my own topic for next Sunday.

Here is the question:

If Jesus came today, would a baby remain a baby for eternity, or would he have a mature body for eternity? Or is it something totally different than what we know as human life?

This question is one that the Bible doesn't directly address. It is related to questions people have about infants or young children who die. Where do they go? What happens to them?

Again, the Bible doesn't give a direct answer to these questions.

The only way we can answer these questions is to consider what the Bible teaches about resurrection and make some deductions from that.

Consequently I don't have just one text today, I have several, which we will take our time surveying.

## I. The Old Testament hope of resurrection for the righteous

- A. Job's hope: Job 19.23-27
- B. The Psalmist expected to rise from the grave: Ps 49.14-15 (sons of Korah) and Ps 71.20 (unknown author)
- C. Isaiah prophesied resurrection: Isa 26.19
- D. Daniel distinguished between resurrections: Dan 12.2-3
- E. Hosea prophesied resurrection: Hos 13.14

## II. The blessed hope of the New Testament believer

- A. Jesus proclaimed it
  - 1. Jn 5.24-25
  - 2. Jn 6.39, 44
  - 3. Jn 11.25-26
- B. Apostles echoed Jesus
  - 1. Rm 6.8

2. 1Co 6.14

3. 1Pt 4.12-13

### III. The resurrection involves change

A. We shall be like Christ: 1 Jn 3.2

B. We shall have a spiritual body: 1Co 15.34-44

C. We will no longer procreate: Lk 20.34-36

#### Conclusion:

As to the opening question, what can we say?

1. Our bodies will be similar, but not the same
2. Any children who are in the resurrection will likewise be changed — most likely appearing as adults, just as all other believers (the aged will no longer be infirm!)
3. What about children who die in infancy?

David said this, speaking of his dead one-year-old son:

<sup>2</sup> Sa 12.23 “But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”

David expected to see his son, we likewise expect to see infants raised in the resurrection.