

ESCHATOLOGY

3. Paul's clothing imagery in 1 Cor 15:50-54; 2 Cor 5:1-4 refer to a Christian's 'to be' [eschatological] mode of existence

– **will put on incorruptible 'resurrection body'** –

in Christ at resurrection (cf. Heb 1:11-12; Ps 102:26; Isa 51:6).

Christ = 'eschatological man'; his resurrection = the 'first fruits' [1 Cor 15:20, 23]);

Christ inaugurates incorruption and life. Christ = 'second man';

Christ = 'the last Adam,' 'the final Adam,' the Adam by whom the world's last age [eschaton] comes to be.

in Adam

← CONTRAST →

in Christ

First man was of the earth (made of dust) <-----> Second man is the Lord from heaven [1 Cor 15:47a]

Earthy, of the earth (1 Cor 15:47a) <-----> Lord from heaven (1 Cor 15:47b)

a) 1 Cor 15:53 - For this corruptible and this mortal [must] . . .

. . . must **put on incorruption**, . . .
put on immortality.

b) 1 Cor 15:54 - So when this corruptible shall have . . . and this mortal shall have . . .

put on incorruption,
put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Isa 25:8 - He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth . . .