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For a Florida family which made a shocking discovery, the news headline said it all: "Finding Gold Never Gets Old." This is a remarkable story about the Schmitt family, who, on June 17, found about \$1 million in gold coins in 15 feet of water. If you think this is amazing, even more astounding is the fact this happened on Hillary Schmitt's birthday. What a great find and what a great birthday gift! Wouldn't you love to have such a birthday celebration?

Wow! And yet the truth of the matter is the Schmitt family's excitement is only mild when compared to the enthusiasm of a Samaritan woman who met the Lord. In the thrill of the moment recorded in John 4:28, the Scripture tells us, "The woman then left her water pot and went her way into the city, and saith to the men; come see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"

Deep inside, all of us have our own idea of how it must feel to find \$1 million. The sad reality is not too

many of us will ever experience anything like this. The good news is we can all experience the joy of having a greater Treasure, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Schmitt family found gold, which can provide some level of comfort and buy a lot of things in this life; the Samaritan woman found something more precious than gold—the Lord who brought her the comfort of everlasting life. Maybe your search is for the gold of happiness; maybe it is just having peace in your life. Christ can provide all these things and so much more.

The psalmist said in Psalm 34:8, "O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." If you are ready to receive this treasure, please click on to the link [here](#) and tell us about your experience.

Enjoying the treasure of a lifetime.

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Bibleway Question & Answer



Q. What form does a believer's spirit take after the believer dies, before the body is remade at Christ's Second Coming?

A. The Apostle Paul answered this question in two important passages. He begins in 1 Corinthians 15:42-46:

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. (1 Corinthians 15:42-46)

Our physical bodies will decay in the ground. After death, believers' souls will reside in Heaven in spiritual bodies until the Resurrection at the Second Coming of Christ. At this point, we will be given new, glorified, eternal bodies like Christ's resurrected body. (See 1 Corinthians 15:50-52.)

It is unclear exactly what form the spiritual body will take, but we can gather some information about this body from the story of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31.

- The spiritual body has eyesight (v. 23)
- The spiritual body will be able to recognize other people (v. 23)
- The spiritual body can verbally communicate (v. 24a)
- The spiritual body has spiritual understanding — the rich man pleaded for mercy (v. 24b)
- The spiritual body has feeling (v. 24c)
- The spiritual body has memory (v. 25)
- The spiritual body will be able to travel and move about (v. 26)
- The spiritual body can express strong emotion (vv. 27-28)
- The spiritual body is able to use logic and reasoning (v. 30)

The spiritual body's characteristics in Luke 16 suggest it has a human form; 1 Samuel 28:13-15 provides more details which seem to support this view:

- The spiritual body has apparent age (v. 14)
- The spiritual body will wear clothing (v. 14b)
- The spiritual body will be recognizable (v. 14c)

Regardless of which form our spirits take after death, the important thing for believers to remember is the instant we leave our physical bodies we shall be in the presence of the Lord. This is a reality strong enough for us to hang our eternal hope.

*Thanks to the late Michael Bradley and bible-knowledge.com for insights on this topic, found in the article "What Happens at Death."



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