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Our final state – joy in heaven for believers or torment in hell for unbelievers – is permanent.

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B. *My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. (Philippians 1:23b)*

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C. *And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”*

And he [Jesus] said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

(Luke 23:42-43)

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For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. (v.16)

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*But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
(vv.13-14)*

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*For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.
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What you sow is not the body which is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body (1 Cor.15:37–38).

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“Whatever remains in the grave from our own physical bodies will be taken by God and transformed and used to make a new resurrection body.

“Someone may object that some bodies completely decay, are absorbed into plants, and then eventually into other bodies, so that nothing of the first body can be found. But in response we must simply say that God can keep track of enough of the elements from each body to form a “seed” from which to form a new body.”

- Wayne Grudem

A. The way we receive our new bodies.
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1. The Lord will bring all believers who have died up to that point with Him.
2. Christians who are alive when the Lord returns will have their bodies transformed into their new resurrected body without experiencing death.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. (1 Thess.4:17)

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B. The new bodies we receive.
(1 Corinthians 15:35-57)

What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 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. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. (1 Cor.15:42-44)

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I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. (v.50)

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

(Philippians 3:20-21)

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:2)

*But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

(1 Corinthians 15:57)