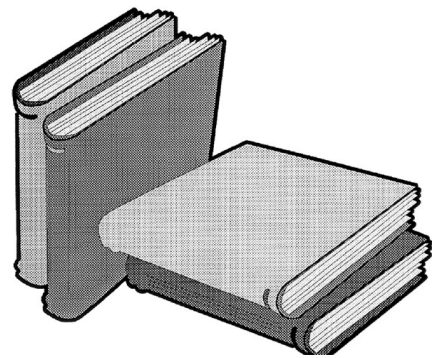


# The Rock and Pit

*Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,  
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

Isa 51:1

Selections from the Christian's heritage in print,  
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## **An Easter Meditation – Delayed This Year.**

**1. The bodies of men**, after death, return to dust, and see corruption; **but their souls**, which neither die nor sleep, having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them: The souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God, in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies. And the souls of the wicked are ... Besides these two places, for souls separated from their bodies, the Scripture acknowledgeth none.

**2. At the last day**, such as are found alive shall not die, but be changed: and **all the dead** shall be raised up with the selfsame bodies, and none other (although with different qualities), which shall be united again to their souls forever.

3. The bodies of the unjust shall be raised to ... ; **the bodies of the just**, by his Spirit [shall be raised] unto honor; and be made conformable to his own glorious body.

Chapter 32 of the Westminster Confession of Faith,  
the classic consensus summary of Puritan Theology, 1674,  
and the confessional statement of classical Presbyterian Churches.

The first paragraph discusses the fate of men's [i.e., human's] bodies and souls after death ... Throughout their discussion, the Westminster Divines [i.e., ministers] were careful to distinguish between believers and unbelievers. While both will experience a separation between body and soul upon death (and both will also experience a permanent reunion between body and soul at the Last Judgment), the destination for these two parties could not be different.

The second and third paragraphs explore the permanent reunion of bodies and souls that will take place at the last day.

B. E. Franks, **Full Redemption: The Puritan Doctrine of Glorification**, in the Confessional Presbyterian, 2019 annual issue. Available for purchase. See me for details.

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