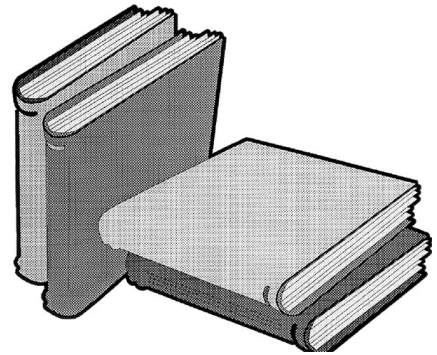


# The Rock and Pit

*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 III – Delayed This Year.**

The Westminster Larger Catechism accompanies the Confession quoted last week (though it is not in the back of our hymnal.) Here it discusses the lives of the believers with Christ. Question 82:

A. The communion in glory which the members of the invisible church have with Christ is **in** this life, **immediately** after death, and **at last perfected** at the resurrection and day of judgment.

[The first stages were discussed last week]

The third, and final, stage of the believer's communion in glory with Christ is what Vos calls, "**the perfection of glory at the resurrection.**" The believer's resurrection marks **the beginning of the end for [him/her]—yet there is an end without end!** At the resurrection all men will be reunited with their bodies and judged by Christ, but the believer will be acquitted by God and ushered into everlasting glory, while the unbeliever will be ... (Questions 87-90)

In 1639 a London printer published a funeral sermon preached by the great Puritan **Richard Sibbes** (1577-1635) ... Sibbes exposit **Philippians 3:21 KJV**, "<sup>20</sup> ... the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>21</sup>Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned into his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself." A fitting companion to this sermon is **Thomas Brooks'** (1608-1680) well known message "A Believer's Last Day is His Best Day," ... an exposition of Eccl 7:1, "A good name is **better** than precious ointment, and the day of death [**better**] than the day of one's birth." ...

**Both messages focus the attention of their hearers on one great theme: the change with death brings. ... Sibbes declares ... "Our bodies shall be like his glorious body, even as our souls are like Christ's soul. For this is certain. We are renewed in grace, not to the image of the first Adam [i.e., Genesis], but to the image of the second Adam [i.e., Christ]."**

B. E. Franks, **Full Redemption: The Puritan Doctrine of Glorification**, in  
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