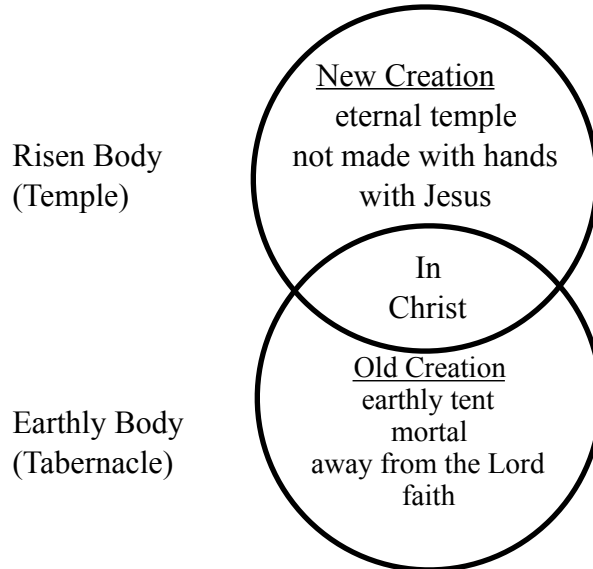


Renewed Every Day (10th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B)

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1—From Affliction to Glory

1. Resurrection: he who “raised the Lord Jesus” will “raise us also with Jesus” (4:14)
2. Outer Nature: “outer man” (Gk *anthrōpos*) is “wasting away” (4:16)
3. Inner Nature: “inner man” is “being renewed every day” (4:16)
4. This World: “slight momentary affliction” (4:17)
5. The World to Come: “eternal weight of glory”” beyond comparison (4:17)
6. Visible: things that are seen are “transient” (4:18)
7. Invisible: things that are unseen are “eternal”
8. Earthly Tent = mortal body (5:1)
9. Eternal Temple = immortal body; “not made with hands, eternal” (5:1)



The Living Tradition

Thomas Aquinas: According to the judgment of spiritual men, the mind is called the inward man. But according to appearance, the most important thing is the outward body with its senses. Hence, according to the judgment of those who consider only bodily and sense-perceptible things and savor earthly things, and whose god is the belly, the body with the sense is called the outward man... [W]hen such a human nature gets rid of the results of sin, it is said to be renewed. Such riddance begins in the saints here, but is perfectly completed in heaven. (Thomas Aquinas, *Commentary on 2 Corinthians* no. 154; trans. F. R. Larcher)

Questions for Discussion and Reflection (10th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B)

1. What are the principle differences that Paul lists between this world and the world to come, between this mortal body and our resurrected bodies?

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