

BUTTTERFLY



The butterfly is one of the year's most beautiful sights. They come in a great variety of colors and patterns and all are beautiful. Butterflies are like flying flowers.

The butterfly begins life as a caterpillar which crawls slowly and in great danger along tree branches as it looks for leaves to eat. The caterpillar then covers itself in a cocoon. After a short time, a butterfly comes out of the cocoon. The caterpillar has died only to be reborn as the beautiful butterfly which is free to fly heavenward!

What can we learn from God's creation of the butterfly?

The butterfly is a visual lesson in resurrection. Resurrection is when a person is made alive again after he or she has died. Jesus died on the cross to earn the forgiveness of our sins and to allow us to be reborn after we die and live in heaven forever. We know this can happen because it happened to Jesus. Jesus died on the cross and was buried. Three days later Jesus was resurrected - made alive again - and was seen by His friends. Jesus then went to heaven where He prepares a home for all who believe in Him. The Bible teaches us in Hebrews 9:28, "Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people and he will appear a second time...to bring

salvation to those who are waiting for him." Jesus tells us in John 5:24, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me (God the Father) has eternal life and will not be condemned (for his sins): he has crossed over from death to life."

Just as the caterpillar is changed from an ugly insect to a beautiful one, we also will be changed from our ugly, sinful selves to beautiful, sinless and glorified people in heaven. There are several Bible passages that tell us this. Colossians 3:4 tells us, "When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." Philippians 3:21 tells us, "The Lord Jesus Christ...will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

Because we believe in Jesus we are taught to live for His glory and to try to kill the sinful ways we have. We are to be dead to sin and alive in Jesus. The butterfly gives us an example of that. The caterpillar is destructive as it eats plants. The caterpillar dies so that the butterfly can be born from its body. It is as if the sinful body dies so that the

godly body can be born. There are two parts of the Bible that you should read to help explain this idea. Romans chapter 6 teaches us about dying to sin so that we can live for Jesus. In the book of 1st Corinthians 15:1-22 we learn about resurrection. These two parts of the Bible are worth reading so that you can better understand the ideas of resurrection and living for Jesus rather than living for sinful desires.

Jesus lived and died to save us from our sins and give us eternal life. Jesus returned from the dead - He was resurrected - to prove that His work of earning our salvation was finished and was good enough to save all who believe in Him as their Savior. God gives us the butterfly to remind us of this great miracle of love. The beautiful butterfly shows us that we also will leave this sinful life behind and become beautiful in heaven for all eternity.



THE SUN



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YOU CAN HURT YOUR EYES AND MAYBE EVEN GO BLIND!

The sun is the center of our solar system. All the planets in our solar system travel around the sun. The sun's gravity holds all of our planets in place around it.