

Series "Called To Be Saints"
"Bodies Of The Resurrection"
1 Corinthians 15:35-58
Part-29

"Christianity is the first to teach the resurrection of the body to eternal life." (Hope)

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Hope Of Resurrection Is That The Same Body That Was Sown In Corruption Will Be Raised Incorruptible."

- 1. Verses 35-49 Nature Of The Resurrected Body**
- 2. Verses 50-53 Transformation Of The Resurrected Body**
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1. Verses 35-49 Nature Of The Resurrected Body

1 Corinthians 15:35 But Context - Paul left off **Verses 33-34**
Without The Resurrection, There Is A Lost Motivation To Live a Holy Life:
1 Corinthians 15:33-34

someone will say, - Paul anticipates the question that will be raised next.
"How are the dead raised? (Method) How does God do this?

God says it but does not explain it! **Philippians 3:21**

And with what kind of body do they come?" (Characteristics)

**1 Corinthians 15:36 You fool! (Mockers) Genesis 2:7 Then the LORD
God formed man of dust from the ground,**

Verses 36-38 The Example Through Plants:

Life Comes Out Of Death: 1 Corinthians 15:36

John 12:24 but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

**What Goes into the Ground Is not the same as what comes out:
1 Corinthians 15:37**

but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. You take a dried-out fruit that is not much good as to its activeness and you plant it.

**1 Corinthians 15:38 But God gives it a body just as He
wished, God is behind it!**

**There is a continuation of the seed: 1 Corinthians 15:38
Verse 39 Example Through Flesh: (Adaptability)
1 Corinthians 15:39**

and another flesh of beasts, - The evolutionist wants us to believe that the differences are so slight, but they are not.

and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.
Difference between birds and fish!

Genesis 1:25 after their kind,

“There is the continuance of life within a kind, but not between kinds.”

Verses 40-41 Example of Astronomy: (Individuality) 1

Corinthians 15:40 this could mean angelic beings and human beings; could also speak of stars and planets and moons.

1 Corinthians 15:41; Mark 9:2-3

1 Corinthians 15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. Paul ties in what he has been saying:

4 - Point Contrast Between The Earthly Versus Heavenly:

1. It is sown a perishable body, (Corruption) it is raised an imperishable body;

1 Corinthians 15:43

2. it is sown in dishonor, "*loss of civil rights.*" it is raised in glory;

Philippians 3:20-21

3. it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

1 Corinthians 15:44

4. it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

The New body is adapted to the spiritual. Matthew 26:41

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. The difference is not the soul but the body. When we receive our new bodies, the spiritual will be the priority.

Verses 45-49 Contrasting The 2 Adams: So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL."

This is a reference to the first man, Adam.

The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. A reference to Jesus, who was the giver of new life to the spiritually dead people. **(Head over Resurrected Bodies)**

Jesus was raised from the dead, thus giving Him the authority to raise others. **John 5:26-29**

1 Corinthians 15:46 Adam started with a physical body, we all start with the physical then comes the spiritual, in the resurrection will come the spiritual.

1 Corinthians 15:47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; Reference to Adam coming into the world in a physical body.

the second man is from heaven. Thi speaks of the first advent of Christ. **1 Corinthians 15:48; 2 Corinthians 5:17**

1 Corinthians 15:49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy,
- That there are certain hereditary traits such as personal characteristics

we will also bear the image of the heavenly. So believers with their resurrected bodies will also have distinguishing marks of personal identity.

2. Verses 50-53 Transformation Of The Resurrected Body

1 Corinthians 15:50 Now I say this, brethren,
He is speaking to Christians.

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold,
this introduces a new section. It means, "*Oh look!*"

I tell you a mystery;
A teaching or a truth that was previously not understood.

we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, Mystery called the Rapture -

Enoch – Hebrews 11:5; Elijah – 2 Kings 2:11

but we shall all be changed; They will not have to go to the grave but will receive resurrected bodies without having to die.

but we
Paul believed that at any time, even in his lifetime, that Jesus could appear

1 Corinthians 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an

eye, Not blinking of an eye but the twinkling, which is much quicker.

at the last trumpet; - This last trumpet is a military term. It was used to wake soldiers, to pack up, fall in line, to march away.

for the trumpet will sound, 1 Thessalonians 4:16

and the dead will be raised imperishable, - These will be the believers that have died in the past and will receive their new bodies.

and we will be changed. Those that are alive at His coming will then be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:53 (Necessity) The word "must" is used **twotimes**

3. Verses 54-58 Victorious Resurrected Body

1 Corinthians 15:54

5 Results of the Resurrection:

1. Fulfills Bible Prophecy: Isaiah 25:8

2. Victory Over Death: 1 Corinthians 15:55

3. Victory Over Sin and The Law: 1 Corinthians 15:56; Romans 6:23

4. Victory Comes Through Jesus Christ: 1 Corinthians 15:57 5.

Resurrection Promotes Faithful Holy Living: 1 Corinthians 15:58

be steadfast, speaks of "*Being Settled*" **immovable,** secure, permanent.

knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

Serving God, it is never loss.

Application:

1. Nature Of The Resurrected Body: Life Comes Out Of Death: The Body Is Sown A Perishable Body, It Is Raised An Imperishable Body.

2. Transformation Of The Resurrected Body: All Believers Shall Be Raised But Not All Believers Will Die. Jesus Will Return And Those That Are Alive Will Be Transformed And Bypass Death.

3. Victorious Resurrected Body: Resurrection Fulfills Scripture, Victory Over Death, Sin, And Victory Through Jesus. Resurrection Leads To Holy Living