

Changed (1 Corinthians 15:35-49)

I. Introduction

- A. The glory of the human body – a quick lesson in Medical Physiology
- B. Review of context – the resurrection of the body
- C. Outline of sermon; pray

II. Exposition of the Text

- A. *How are the dead raised?* (v. 35)
 - 1. **vs. 36** - A question of fools (Ps 14:1, 53:1)
 - 2. **vss. 36-38** - A precedent from nature in seeds and plants
 - a. They failed to take God into account (Spurgeon)
 - b. The mystery of plants from seeds and the resurrection
 - c. God alone raises seeds and bodies
- B. *With what body will they come?* (v. 35)
 - 1. **vss. 39-42** – A heavenly body with special glory
 - 2. **vss. 43-44** – A changed body (different, but yet with continuity)
 - a. We groan and long for a new body (2 Cor 5:1-5, Jn 14:1)
 - b. The first creation is wasting away (Ro 8:21, 1 Cor 4:16)
 - c. The new bodies are not just spruced-up (Rev 21:4)
 - 3. **vss. 45-49** – A body fashioned after Christ's glorified body
 - a. Phil 3:21
 - b. Adam and Christ represent two groups of people (Ro 5:12-17)
 - c. Those in Adam will die a second death
(Rev 20:12-15, 2 Th 1:7-12)
 - d. Those in Christ will live (1 Co 15:21-23, Jn 11:25-26, 1Jn 3:2)

III. From Dust to Glory – what will our lives be like in glory?

- A. The story of glory
 - 1. Glory given to man in creation (Psalm 8:4-6); lost in the fall
 - 2. Glory returned in the man Christ Jesus (Heb 2:9)
 - 3. We are already being glorified (2 Co 3:18)
 - 4. Living in light of the glory to come (Ro 8:18, 2 Co 4:17)
- B. Just how good will this glorious future be?
 - 1. Like Christ's glorified body - Luke 24:36-43
 - 2. Jesus will attend to as we dine (Luke 12:37)
 - 3. We will judge angels (1 Co 6:3)
 - 4. We will shine like the sun (Mt 13:43)
 - 5. We will share in Christ's throne (Rev 3:21)
 - 6. Use your imagination to imagine other qualities of the life to come
 - 7. Will we be composed of DNA?

IV. Why is the Bodily Resurrection so important to us now?

- A. It proves God is unchanging in His perfect plan from the beginning
- B. It affirms the moral significance of our present body
- C. It puts suffering in this life into perspective
- D. It removes the sting of death (no need for a 'bucket list')
- E. It keeps us looking upward and outward
- F. It stimulates worship (Is 26:19)