
1 Corinthians 15:29-34: Review

Paul defended the truth of the bodily resurrection of the saints from the vantage point of having risked his life for the sake of the gospel. If the dead rise not, what in the world am I doing? I've been beaten, stoned, and left for dead for preaching the gospel of the resurrected Christ!

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

This morning, Paul continues his defense of the truth of the bodily resurrection of the saints at Christ's return. 1 Corinthians 15:35-38

The questions: How does the resurrection happen? Do the same bodies (of the dead, decomposed in the earth) rise? Will God gather up the dust and ashes and "bring up" this same fallen and sinful body, which once lived on the earth?

The answer is yes & no! Our bodies (planted in the earth when we die) WILL RISE: Daniel 12:2, 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

You will still be YOU saint of God, But YOU WILL NOT RISE UP AS YOU WERE BURIED, earthy, corruptible, and mortal: 1 Corinthians 15:50-54:

If you would actually enter heaven, you MUST FIRST be changed!

For that glorious CHANGE to take place "in you" when Christ returns, you must (first, in this life) be raised from spiritual death to spiritual life!

1 Corinthians 15:35: The doubters' questions: How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they COME UP? 1 Corinthians 15:36

To illustrate the bodily resurrection of believers, Paul takes us to the school of farming or gardening; specifically, what happens after you plant a seed in the earth.

A seed does bring forth life and grow until after it is planted in the earth. After the "seed (buried in the earthy) dies", ONLY THEN does it bring up life from the soil, but that which comes up is VERY DIFFERENT from that which was planted! *So also, are the bodies of the resurrected saints!*

A seed is planted, but then up out of the earth rises a new flourishing plant, corn, wheat grain, barley, or some other live fruit-bearing crop.

Genesis 1:9-13, John 12:24: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit"

If you recall, the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection of the body, one of their arguments, why would God bring up THE SAME corrupt and sinful body? The Lord Jesus' answer to the Sadducees, GOD doesn't bring up the same body!

"Ye do err not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven"

FIRST: You don't believe what is written (in the OT scriptures concerning the resurrection of the dead), SECOND: You don't believe in the power of God, to raise/change these mortal bodies into that which is immortal and incorruptible! In Mark's account, Jesus told the Sadducees,

"Ye therefore do greatly err".

OT references teaching the truth of the bodily resurrection of believers in Christ! *Psalm 71:20, Isaiah 26:19-21*

V36: "Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, (resurrected and changed), except it die".

You fool, do you not understand that a seed cannot bring forth life until it dies? BUT...how are the dead raised up? By the power of God!

Psalm 17:15, Philippians 3:20-21, 1 John 3:1-3, 1 Corinthians 6:14

Beloved, in Christ, you have already been resurrected spiritually by the power of God, at the resurrection of the last day, you will be resurrected bodily by the power of God! *John 5:24-29*.

1 Corinthians 15:37: "And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not THAT BODY THAT SHALL BE, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or some other grain.

What you plant is NOT the body that will be in the resurrection; that which will "RISE" out of the earth will be significantly and profoundly different from that which was planted. Like, when you plant a corn seed, a corn stalk comes up out of the earth.

Once again, Paul takes us to the school of farming: From death comes forth life! *1 Corinthians 15:38*.

As different as the seed is from that which comes up out of the soil, we have very a limited understanding of the glorious nature of our new bodies in the resurrection!

I can tell you this, on that day, we will never again be personally associated/touched in any way by no sin/death.

Revelation 21:4: And God shall wipe all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away"

1 Corinthians 15:39: "All flesh is not the same: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds"

As a side note, Paul here destroys "The Theory of Evolution"! How so? If evolution were true, we would have all come from the same "first organism" and that (of its own volition) eventually becoming human.

All flesh would be from "the same flesh", we would be essentially the same with the beasts and animals from whence we came!

But, as written here in the Word of God: "All flesh is NOT THE SAME" (NOT EQUAL), the flesh of humans is very different than the flesh of animals, fish,

and birds! The animals, fish, and birds will not rise to eternal life. ONLY YOU, humans were created in the image and likeness of God! Genesis 1:26-28, 2:7

ONLY YOU sons and daughters of Adam, will be raised again! Both the lost and the saved will be resurrected, the dead in Christ, to eternal life, the wicked dead, to eternal damnation!

1 Corinthians 15:40: Celestial Bodies and Terrestrial Bodies:

Celestial bodies are like the sun, moon, and stars. Terrestrial bodies are earthly; humans, animals, trees, land, water; these are all terrestrial, or of the earth. Terra meaning earth or earthly.

As there are significant differences between humans, animals, fish, and birds, there are significant differences between celestial and terrestrial living bodies.

When we are resurrected, we will no longer be earthy and terrestrial, but heavenly and celestial.

(V41): There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one-star differeth from another star in glory”

As every star in the heavens is different, so each of us will possess our own resurrected body on that day when we shall rise to forever be with the Lord!

1 Corinthians 15:42-49: Paul in this section wrote of the body at the time of burial, when (at death) it is sown or planted in the dust of the earth.

It is sown or buried in corruption, dishonor, weakness, as a natural body. It is raised or resurrected incorruptible, and in glory and power, a spiritual body.

Spiritual body might seem to be a contradiction. Will you be a spirit? Or will you have a body? Answer: YES

FOR NOW, our souls abide in decaying sinful, dying bodies, but at the resurrection, our bodies will be changed; we will then have perfect, incorruptible, and immortal bodies, which shall never die!

Appeal to the lost! You might say, I don't believe in God or Christ! But you MUST believe in DEATH! Death is coming! What are you going to do about it?