

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Resurrection Hope and Encouragement: The Redemption of Body and Soul!

INTRO: Our church prayer chain often includes health concerns, various sicknesses, and death notices. We all have various spiritual needs and physical ailments.

How does Christ's bodily resurrection (1 Cor. 15:1-19), which happened so long ago, bring hope and encouragement to beleaguered believers today?

Sermon Outline of 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

1) The Resurrection Dilemma.

(1 Cor. 15:35)

2) The Resurrection _____.

(1 Cor. 15:36-38)

3) The Resurrection _____.

(1 Cor. 15:39-41)

4) **The Resurrection Harvest.** (or the Res. Transformation/ (or) the Res. Contrast)

(1 Cor. 15:42-44)

5) **The Resurrection Parallel.** (Adam and Christ)

(1 Cor. 15:45-49)

Application: Resurrection Hope and Easter Encouragement

For Further Reflection/Application: *Lord help us to be effectually doers of the Word!*

Our church prayer chain often includes many different health concerns, various sicknesses, and death notices. What are some of things that you have heard about lately within this church family (and other Christian communities)? What are some of your current physical struggles or health ailments family members and close friends are going through?

How does Christ's bodily resurrection (1 Cor. 15:1-19) bring hope and encouragement to beleaguered believers? (note 1 Corinthians 15:20-49)

What were some of the practical applications that Pastor Caleb mentioned during today's Easter sermon? If you are a believer how did this bring you hope? How were you comforted? Who needs to hear a word of hope or receive some Gospel-centered encouragement among your family/friends?

See also 1 Corinthians 15:50-58; Romans 8:18-30. 2 Corinthians 5:1-4. 1 John 3:2-3.

In view of our 1 Corinthians 15 (Easter) messages, beloved Christian listener

I) *We must hold fast the gospel msg (verses 3-4) and proclaim it with love and conviction;* (Romans 1:16-17).

People need to know that there is a future resurrection unto eternal life and a future resurrection unto eternal destruction (John 5:28-29; Acts 17:30-34)

II) *We must encourage one another with these words!*

I know some of you ache today because you miss your Christian loved one so very much... Physical death is infinite gain for all who truly love the Lord Jesus Christ! (Rev 21:4). Jesus is not only preparing a heavenly place for us He also promises to prepare us for that heavenly place!

III) *With renewed focus & fervor let us labor for Christ with all of our might!*

In the words of C.H. Spurgeon, "We are not to be living specimens of men in fine preservation, but living sacrifices, whose lot is to be consumed; we are to spend and to be spent.." Understanding (per **1 Cor 15:58**) that in the Lord our toil is not in vain! Don't slow down, give up, or look back! (Philippians 3:12-14)

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