

“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”



“BLESSED RESURRECTION”

I CORINTHIANS 15:42-58

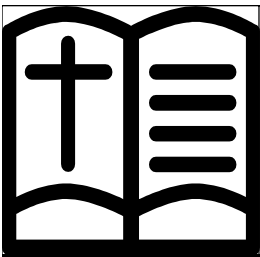
I. THE WONDER OF JESUS, THE LAST ADAM

A. Humanity - the body of earth

1. *Sown in corruption - terminal; limited; susceptible to bribery, covetousness, pride*
2. *Sown in dishonor - susceptible to shame, bias, ridicule and shameful acts of sin*
3. *Sown in weakness - susceptible to sin, temptation, inability to keep its word; sickness*
4. *Sown a natural body - made of earth, for earth; it houses a spirit that animates it*

B. Two Adams - Two Creations

1. *First Adam was made a living being; not independently existing; created by God for rulership on earth in the place of God; given life by the One who is life; head of first creation*
2. *Last Adam became a life-giving Spirit; life in Himself; not independent of God but God Himself; head of last creation - earth phase 3*
3. *First Adam was made of earth for earth; all of his offspring are the same; after its own kind*
4. *Last Adam, Second Man is the Lord from Heaven; He is the One who created first Adam; all His offspring are heavenly in origin and ultimately*
5. *We have borne the image of Adam; we shall bear the image of Christ as we shall be like Him. **BUT HOW?***



II. THE WONDER OF JESUS, THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

- A. *The first creation flesh and blood cannot enter the second creation, the Kingdom of God; Christ while living in the first creation body, died in it as all flesh and blood but rose again from that with a new body; He is the resurrection and the life*
- B. *We are, by the new birth, citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom; it is our inheritance, our home; we will take none of the corruption, weakness and nature of this present body with us in the Kingdom*
- C. *The Mystery*
1. *“We shall not all sleep...” Not all of us are going to die a natural death; the Lord Himself may return while we are yet alive!*
 2. *“...but we shall all be changed - ...” those living at His return will have the new bodies like the new bodies of those who have already died - raised in incorruption, in glory, in power, and raised a spiritual body*
 3. *“...in a moment, in the twinkling...trumpet” - quickly! The blowing of the shofar is the calling of the assembly! This is the bringing together all of those who over the centuries have trusted Christ and have “slept” until the promise would be fulfilled.*
 4. *Their spirits have been in the presence of God since the day of their death; now they receive new bodies! v. 58 instruction to live*