

The Resurrection of the Dead - 6

1 Corinthians 15

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1- 11 The fact of the King's resurrection

Paul outlined the witnesses of Jesus' resurrection

12-19 The foolishness of claiming that there is no resurrection

Paul highlighted the contradiction of denying the resurrection whilst claiming to believe in Jesus as Messiah

20-28 The fruit of the King's resurrection and ours

Man > death / dying | The King > resurrection of the dead / made alive

Compare: Romans 5:12-21 - sin and death introduced by Adam | the gift of grace made available by one man, who is the Saviour King

The resurrection is ordered:

Christ the firstfruits > Believers when the King returns > He reigns until His enemies are conquered and this culminates in the end of death > The Son then returns all authority to His Father.

29-34 The folly of believing in the King's resurrection

Another type of foolishness - being baptised for those who are never going to be raised to life!

Paul's experience was that he had suffered greatly for his belief in both the King's resurrection and his own! Suffering in this life when there is no resurrection is folly. Better to enjoy this life if we are no more when it ends.

He also warns of the dangers of being influenced by those who do not take The LORD seriously - bad company ruins "good morals" (NASB) - this is also foolish. They need to recognise their rebellion.

35-50 The form of our resurrection

"How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?"

Reasonable question? Paul didn't think so!

"How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies."

Lesson 1: Look at plants, the seed is not like the mature plant. The seed has to die for the plant to grow.

"But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body."

Your earthly body is the seed of your resurrection body. Implication... you can't take it with you!

Lesson 2: When The LORD created the heavens and earth He showed us this by creating different types of bodies.

“All flesh is not the same flesh”: mankind, animals, birds and fish.

In non-living things there are heavenly “bodies” and earthly ones: sun, moon, a variety of stars
God has never been tied to copying himself, but there is purpose behind the variety He put into this creation.

Application 1 (42-44): “So also is the resurrection of the dead.”

Soul & Spirit

G5590 Psuche & Pneuma G4151

Sown	Raised
corruption	incorruption
dishonour	glory
weakness	power
natural body	spiritual body

Take home message: “There is a **natural** body, and there is a **spiritual** body.”

Natural G5591 | Spiritual G4152

Application 2 The natural precedes the spiritual.

Note v45

NKJV “And so it is written, ‘The first man Adam became a living **being**.’ The last Adam became a life-giving **spirit**.” NIV, GNB, RSV

KJV “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living **soul**; the last Adam was made a quickening **spirit**.” NASB, BBE, Derby, ERV, Philips, Webster, TRC, CLV

YLT “so also it hath been written, ‘The first man Adam became a living **creature**,’ the last Adam is for a life-giving **spirit**.”

Weymouth NT “In the same way also it is written, ‘The first man Adam became a living **animal**’; the last Adam is a life-giving **Spirit**.”

v47 “The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.”

Adam made of the dust of earth | Jesus “made in heaven”

v48 We are like the one whose image we are in: dust from dust | heavenly from the heavenly One

Col 3:1-4, Matt 6:20, Luke 12:33, Rom 8:5-9, 2 Cor 5:16-18, Philips 4:17-21, Heb 11:13-16,
1 John 2:15-17

v49 “And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.”

What we are like now is a different to what we will be, as chalk resembles cheese.

V50 “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.”

The body you now have is for this life only.

You cannot participate in the exercise of God’s kingship if you cling onto it.

The reason being that it has been corrupted by sin, and His rule is incorruptible!

51-58 The fulness of our resurrection

v51-52 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be *changed* in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be *changed*.

1 Thess 4:13-18 - but from a different perspective

v53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Rom 1:22-23 "changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man - and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things."

1 Tim 6:16 "who alone has immortality..."

v54-55 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, **then shall be brought to pass** the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

v56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

Heb 9:27-28 "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."

v57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

V58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.