

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58
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A Closer Look at Post-Resurrection Life



1. Get _____ (vv.35-41; 50-53)

2. Get _____ (vv.42-49)

3. Get _____ (vv.54-58)

1 Cor. 15:35-58

³⁵ But someone may ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. ³⁹ All flesh is not the same: Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. ⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. ⁴¹ The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. ⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. ⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. The Bible clearly teaches that Christ could return at any moment (cf. Mk.13:32-37; Ac.1:7, 11). According to the passage we studied this weekend, his arrival will immediately trigger our transformation into a perfect state (1Cor.15:51-53). How often do you think about that life-altering moment in time? What positive difference do you think it would make if you pondered the imminent return of Christ more often?

What practical steps can you take to keep the pending return of Christ in the forefront of your mind?

2. What is most appealing to you about the new arrangement of things discussed in the second point of this weekend's message? (See also Revelation 21 & 22.)
3. What scares you (or has scared you) about your own demise?

Read Hebrews 2:14-15. How does being freed from the fear of death change your outlook on life?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:58. The most obvious implication regarding our coming resurrection is that we give ourselves fully to God's work here and now. How will you specifically respond to that exhortation?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Jer. 19-20 & Phil. 1

Monday

Jer. 21-22 & Phil. 2

Tuesday

Jer. 23-24 & Phil. 3

Wednesday

Jer. 25-26 & Phil. 4

Thursday

Jer. 27-28 & Col. 1

Friday

Jer. 29-30 & Col. 2

Saturday

Jer. 31-32 & Col. 3

Here are some resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon.

- Bounds, E. M. **Heaven: A Place, A City, A Home**. Baker Books, 1975. (151 pp)
- Erickson, Millard J. **Christian Theology**. Second Edition. Baker Books, 1998. (1311 pp)
- Fabarez, Mike. **Heaven: Advice for Earthbound Citizens of the New Jerusalem**. Tape/CD #9730.
- _____. **Looking Forward: The Present Effects of Anticipating Our Future Home**. Tape/CD #9735.
- _____. **The Final Glimpse of "Heaven": Five Gifts God Gives to Those in the New Jerusalem**. Tape/CD #9736.
- Habermas, Gary R. & J.P. Moreland. **Immortality: the Other Side of Death**. Thomas Nelson, 1992. (275pp)
- Habermas, Gary R. **The Risen Jesus and Future Hope**. Rowman & Littlefield, 2003. (224 pp)
- Hanegraaff, Hank. **Resurrection**. Thomas Nelson, 2000. (281pp)
- Hendriksen, William. **The Bible on the Life Hereafter**. Baker Books, 1971. (222 pp)
- Hoyt, Herman. **The End Times**. Moody Press, 1969. (256pp)
- Lutzer, Erwin W. **Your Eternal Reward**. Moody Press, 1998. (171pp)
- MacArthur John. **The Glory of Heaven: The Truth About Heaven, Angels and Eternal Life**. Crossway, 1996. (284 pp)
- Moody, Dwight L. **Heaven**. Fleming Revell, 1880. (132 pp)
- Pentecost, Dwight. **Things to Come: A Study in Biblical Eschatology**. Zondervan, 1958. (633 pp)
- Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Heaven: Your Real Home**. Zondervan, 1997. (224 pp)