

## **The Resurrection Body**

### **Easter Sunday 2023**

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

**Context:** In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul addresses the resurrection of Jesus and also of Christians. Many people in the ancient Greco-Roman world believed that death extinguished life completely or led to a permanent but shadowy and insubstantial existence in the underworld. Resurrection was thought laughable by the educated. Paul deals with the Corinthians' denial of (v. 12) and confusion about (v. 35) the future, bodily resurrection of Christians.

### **As we reflect on our resurrection bodies ...**

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ at the glories of creation (vs. 35-41)**

A The Analogy of the Seed (37-38) Just as there is no physical likeness between a seed and a plant, the dead body that we bury in the ground and the resurrection body that comes from it will be dramatically different.

B The Analogy of Flesh/Heavenly Bodies(39-41) The sun, moon, and stars are all varieties of beauty and brightness. Just as there are vastly different bodies and forms in God's created universe which are suited for all kinds of existence, so God can design a body perfect for resurrection life.

#### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ its superiority (vs. 42-44)**

A. We are living in perishable bodies – the resurrection body is imperishable.

B. We will die in humility and be raised in glory.

C. We will die in weakness and be raised in power.

#### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ on its model (vs. 45-49)**

A. The Bible Says that our bodies will become like Jesus' body. (See also Philippians 3:20-21; 1 John 3:1-3)

B. Jesus' Resurrection Body Could:

1. Eat and Drink - He even cooked for them and ate and drank with them (Luke 24:43; John 21:9-14).

2. Teleport: Jesus walked right through the locked door (John 20:26). Another time, when He had finished talking with two of His followers on the road to Emmaus, He "vanished from their sight" (Luke 24:31).

3. Fly: Acts 1:9 Jesus ascended into heaven.