

# 1 Corinthians 44 – 15:35-44

## Resurrection Bodies

### 1. 15:35-38 – Death Needed for Resurrection

- a. “some” which have not knowledge of God → 1 Cor 1:20,23, 3:18-19
- b. Bodies turn back to the dust they came from, then what body? – Gen 3:19
- c. 1) It must die before it is resurrected: seeds as examples of life out of the dust
- d. 2) It resurrects a new body: the whole wheat is not sown, but the grain
- e. 3) All bodies are not the same: God gives different bodies to please him

### 2. 15:38-41 – Different Flesh, Bodies, and Glories

- a. “one kind of flesh of men” (races don’t exist) – Acts 17:26, 1 Cor 15:22
- b. 1) Differing flesh (4 categories): men, beasts, fish, birds – Gen 1:20-26
- c. 2) Celestial (heavenly) vs. terrestrial bodies (earthly) – Gen 1:1, 9-18
- d. 3) Gen 1:1 speaks to the things created in Col 1:16, 20; Eph 1:10, 3:15
- e. Sun, moon, stars have different brightness (glories, honor): Psa 8:5, 25:5

### 3. 15:42-44 – So Also the Resurrection

- a. “So also” - we have a pattern for resurrection in things we now seen
- b. It is sown: to resurrect we must die – Rom 6:3-5, Gal 2:19-20
  - i. Death is not the cessation of existence; we continue in a different location
  - ii. Examples: Mat 17:2-3, 22:31-32, Luk 16:19, 1Thes 5:10, 2Cor 5:6-8, Phil 1:23
- c. Myths: we do not become ghosts, spirits, angels with wings floating around
- d. Nor is it a second creation, union with Mother Earth, or marriage with God
- e. Our resurrection is a change into a new body – Phil 3:21
- f. The new body is like his glorious body – Luke 24:28-31, 39-43, John 20:26,21:12-14
- g. We are resurrected men only in a new image - Gen 5:1, 5:3, Rom 8:3, 8:29

### 4. Characteristics of the Resurrection

- a. Corruption/Incorruption = our nature - sin, defilement, depravity
- b. Dishonour/glory = our position Psa 8:5, 25:2, Col 1:27, 3:4, 1 Thess 2:19-20
- c. Weak/power = our capability – 2 Cor 12:9-10, 13:3-5, Eph 1:19-20, 3:20, Phil 3:10
  - i. Jesus said the spirit is willing, but the body is weak – Mat 26:41
- d. Natural/spiritual = flesh is carnal, Spirit is life - Rom 7:14, 8:1-11; 1 Cor 2:11-15
- e. Earthly/heavenly = our location – Eph 2:6, Phil 3:20, Col 3:1
- f. Mortal/Immortal = our eternal life – Rom 2:7-10, 6:9-10, 23
- g. Christ has abolished death through the gospel – 2 Tim 1:9-10