

Together: Study in 1 Corinthians
“Our Resurrected Body”
1 Corinthians 15:35-58
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● **Because I will have a Resurrected Body for eternity,**

¹³ . . . The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. 1 Corinthians 6:13b-14

³⁵ But someone will 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 Not all flesh is the same: People 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. 1 Corinthians 15:35-41

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. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

4 Qualities of our Resurrected Body

1. Our Resurrected Body will be imperishable.

⁴² So it will be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 1 Corinthians 15:42

2. Our Resurrected Body will be glorious.

⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; 1 Corinthians 15:43
(see also: *Philippians 3:20-21; Luke 24:36-42*)

3. Our Resurrected Body will be immortal.

⁴³ . . . it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 1 Corinthians 15:43b

4. Our Resurrected Body will be Spirit-controlled.

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 became 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 is of heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man. ⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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 sting? Where, O grave, is your victory? 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.

1 Corinthians 15:44-50, 53-57

● **How I use my Body TODAY matters for Eternity.**

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, 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. 1 Corinthians 15:58

Discussion Questions

1. What was your A-Ha from Sunday’s message?
2. In what ways would your life be different if you did not believe in life after death?
3. Describe what Christ’s resurrection means to you.
4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-49. What illustrations does Paul use to explain why the resurrection is not illogical but makes good sense?
5. Although the resurrection body is somehow related to the natural body, how is it also radically different (vv.42-49)?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. What message is there in these verses for those who grow weary of this physical world and long to escape to heaven?
7. Based upon how you’re living your life right now, what can you expect to receive when you see Jesus, reward or regret? Why?