

# THE BODY YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

**LIKE SEEDS THAT DIE TO PRODUCE NEW PLANTS, SO OUR BODIES DIE TO PRODUCE A PERFECT SPIRITUAL BODY (Vss. 35-46)**

- *“So it is with the resurrection of the dead: Sown in corruption, raised in incorruption; 43 sown in dishonor, raised in glory; sown in weakness, raised in power; 44 sown a natural body, raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.”* (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)
- **Our physical bodies die, but our spirit never dies.**
- *“He that lives and believes in Me shall never die.”* (John 11:26)
- **Because God has created everything uniquely according to His will, you will be identifiable to others in glory, and you will know who others are as well.**

**OUR PHYSICAL BODIES ARE IN THE IMAGE OF ADAM, BUT OUR SPIRITUAL BODIES WILL BE IN THE IMAGE OF CHRIST**

- *“The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 Like the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; like the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. 49 And just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.”* (1 Corinthians 15:47-49)
- **We were all born into Adam’s sin (his image), but those who are in Christ will bear the sinless and perfected image of Christ in glory!**
- **What will our spiritual bodies be and look like?**
- *“Dear friends, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him because we will see Him as He is.”* (1 John 3:2)
- **Our glorified bodies will be incorruptible and immortal.**
- *“For this corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body must be clothed with immortality. 54 When this corruptible body is clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body is clothed with immortality, then the saying that is written will take place:*

*Death has been swallowed up in victory. 55 Where, death, is your victory? Where, 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, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!”* (1 Corinthians 15:53-57)

**BECAUSE OF THE PROMISE OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD WE MUST STRIVE TO LIVE FULLY COMMITTED TO THE LORD’S WORK UNTIL HE RETURNS**

- *“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord’s work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”* (1 Corinthians 15:58)
- **If we truly believe God’s word and His promises, then we should live as such.**
- “The ‘Therefore’ is not there to make a better theologian out of you, but to make a better Christian out of you.” – Adrian Rogers
- **No time or money we invest in God’s Kingdom work is wasted, rather it all yields a great reward in glory!**
- *“But as it is written, **What no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human heart has conceived—God has prepared these things for those who love him.**”* (1 Corinthians 2:9)

## CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION

**Observation:**

- What illustration does Paul use to explain how the resurrection body works? (vss. 37-38)
- According to verses 42–44, what contrasts does Paul give between our current bodies and our resurrected bodies?
- In verses 47–49, how does Paul compare Adam and Christ, and what does that mean for believers?

**Understanding**

- How does the seed illustration help you understand the relationship between our current body and our future glorified body?
- How does the promise of a perfected, sinless body shape the way you view current struggles (physical, emotional, or spiritual)?
- Paul declares that death has been “swallowed up in victory.” How does that truth change the way you think about death or fear?
- Why is it important to remember that our victory comes “through our Lord Jesus Christ” and not through our own efforts?
- Verse 58 calls believers to be “steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord’s work.” What does that look like practically in your life right now?
- What is one specific way you can invest your time, energy, or resources this week in something that has eternal value?

**Loving Outward:**

- Who do you need to share the gospel with this week?
- Who do you need to follow-up with regarding the gospel?
- Who are you bringing to church next Sunday?