

## From Sinners to Saints

### 1 Corinthians 15:33-45

- Paul has just explained how important the resurrection is to the Christian faith, and that without it we might as well live for food, clothing and pleasure for tomorrow we die. Thankfully that is not the case, because Jesus being our First fruits demonstrated that His sacrifice was accepted by The Father, and that we would follow in His path being resurrected as well > **Jn 5:28-29** says there is a resurrection to life and a resurrection to death, Believers will be in the resurrection of life Amen!

### V33-45

- **V33-34** this verse is often used to warn us about the dangers of hanging around unbelievers, and rightfully so, but it has so much more to the verse also. Paul has spent this entire chapter trying to correct the Corinthians church's strange thoughts about the resurrection, where did they get this bad thinking and theology from?
- They got it by associating with either the Jews who did not believe in the resurrection, such as the Sadducees, or with the pagan Greek philosophers who also scoffed and mocked at even the idea of the resurrection > **Acts 17:31-32**. So not only will unbelievers give us wrong thoughts and ideas but also "**corrupt**"- Greek word called Phitheiro- means to spoil and defile by influences.
- That means there is a process in which the enemy goes about to place influences in our lives meant for only one thing and that is to corrupt and defile you. The primary way he does this is through bad company or relationships, and this is the crazy thing it doesn't define where those bad influences and relationships can come from.
- So it can be family, friendships, philosophies, organizations, people's lifestyles, all of which can encouraged us to oppose what the Bible says and live and think like they do which is in direct defiance of what is written in God's Word. If you are not aware of these influences they can lead you completely away from the truth, as you become so loyal and determined to hold onto your association to it.
- My sibling, my cousin, my friend, my fraternity, my sorority, my club, all these things should be held under the light of whether it aligns with God's Word or it opposes God's Word, there is no in between folks.

- **V34** Paul says “**awake**”- the Greek word hekousion which means to rouse out of a stupor, a drunken daze is what the world will put you in. People join these clubs, frats, sororities, and they are chanting words of obeisance to idols and all kinds of things and don’t even realize what their saying as they are in a spiritual stupor and unaware that Satan is using this to corrupt and defile their understanding for truth.
- You’re in these groups with people who do not know The Lord and are in danger of going to hell and you don’t care as the organization has you calling them your brothers and sisters, which scripture says should be a term for your spiritual family. Paul says it’s dulled you to not even want to witness to them, which is shameful.
- Finally for Christians to resist this, is to willingly not want to go through God’s process of transformation by the renewing of our minds, remaining willfully ignorant of God’s truth, which of course Paul says is sin, and sadly there are many believers who are in this state of consent not being bothered by the destructive results from it.
- **V35-38** back to the resurrection someone might ask what is the nature of the resurrected body? How are the dead raised up and with what body do they come? Paul tell him look no further than a seed, what you plant does not produce until it goes into the ground and that is when it truly comes alive. So something must die before God raises it up again, and when He does don’t expect it to be the same.
- When you plant a wheat seed a big wheat seed doesn’t come up, but instead a stalk of wheat grows, so the resurrection body that stems from our present bodies, will not be the same body, but a improved body. **V39-41** he gives another example of living and heavenly bodies, saying there are all kinds of bodies in God’s creation, man, birds, fish, and Paul includes the celestial bodies, al these bodies are different and are made to function a certain way, adopting to their particular environment.
- He includes in this conversation the sun, moon and the stars, saying they also are different with different functions, but despite its variety they all reflect the will of its Maker, being suited for its own particular environment and function.

- **V42-45** He says all of this to say this is how the resurrected body will be, able to adapt, and function for its particular environment. As unlike our current bodies which is sown in corruption and therefore can only do but so much, our new bodies will be raised incorruptible, having no sin attached to it, therefore no dishonor only God's glory. This body is weak so it gets sick, decays, and dies, but our new bodies will be raised in power, a spiritual body, that's incapable of dying, only living.
- The example he uses is Adam and Jesus, through Adam we received an imperfect body riddled by sin and corruption. But in Jesus we receive another body that is full of life and no death, so although through Adam we were made alive, its through Jesus that we truly live, for in Adam you can live but still be dead, but with Jesus we have been given not just life here on earth, but also eternal life in glory with Him.