

1st Corinthians 15:35-49

The Resurrection:
how and what kind?

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35 But someone will say, “How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?”

36 Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies.

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37 And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain.

38 But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.

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39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds.

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40 There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

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41 There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory.

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42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.

43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

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44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

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46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

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48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

Believer's Resurrection Proofs (15:1–34)

1. Their salvation (v. 1–2)
2. The Old Testament Scriptures (v.3–4)
3. Christ was seen by witnesses (v.5–11)
4. Paul's personal proof (v. 12–19)
5. Doctrinal / OT proof (v. 20–28)
6. Practical proof (v. 29–34)

Big Picture

1. The Gospel is the answer.
2. The Holy Spirit empowers us to love God and love others.

v 35-36 - How and What Kind?

Denying questions..

“Stupid!” - Complete Jewish Bible

(See Ezek. 37:3; John 12:24)

Apostles' Creed - (341 a.d.)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and
born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

v 37-44

(1) seed vs. mature plant v. 37

(2) human vs. animal flesh v. 39

(3) heavenly body vs. earthly bodies v 40

(4) moon/night lights vs. sun light v. 41

Dan. 12:3; Matt. 13:43; Phil. 3:21; Col. 3:4

“Dear friends, if such be death - if it be but a sowing, let us have done with all faithless, hopeless, graceless sorrow... ‘Our family circle has been broken,’ say you. Yes, but only broken that it may be re-formed. You have lost a dear friend: yes, but only lost that friend that you may find him again, and find more than you lost. They are not lost; they are sown.” -Spurgeon

What kind?

like Jesus' (Phil. 3:21), a body of flesh and bones that could be touched (Matt. 28:9; John 20:27) and could eat physical food (Luke 24:41–42), the “same body” that left the empty tomb behind (Matt. 28:6; John 20:5–7; John 5:28–29)...

What kind?

...but changed (1 Cor. 15:51), not bound by the world not bound by the laws of nature (Luke 24:31, 24:36-37) .

What kind... better!

1. Incorruption triumphs over corruption.
2. Glory triumphs over dishonor.
3. Power triumphs over weakness.
4. Spiritual triumphs over natural.

v 45-49

First Adam vs Last Adam - Gen 2; John
3:31; Rom 5:12-19; 2 Cor 3:18

Phil. 3:17 NIV- Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

{18} For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Phil. 3:19 NIV Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.

{20} But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Phil. 3: 21 NIV who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

In bodies that will ne'er grow old,
We'll reign with Him through years untold;
O precious thought: We all shall be
With Christ through all eternity.

—Watson

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)