

- I) V35 INTRO: But someone will say How are the dead raised up And with what body
The Corinthian's were dealing with various **questions**
One of the questions was about the resurrection
DURING THEIR DAY
- II) **Greek thinkers** thought that the idea of a resurrection was ridiculous
They saw the body and soul as separate
- III) Immortality was more associated with the soul, not the body
On Mars Hill: Ac 17:31-32 He has set a day when he will judge the world with
justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by **raising Him
from the dead.**" When they heard about the **resurrection** of the dead, some of them
sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject."
- IV) The idea of a resurrection of the dead was not something **that was attractive**
The idea of physical resurrection was considered neither desirable nor possible
- V) The Greek thought of the day may have been ingrained in the Corinthians
This may be influencing the way Paul deals with the resurrection in this portion
HE WRITES
- VI) V35 But someone will say **How** are **the dead** raised up?
How could God **reassemble** the bodies of the dead? They have decayed!
What kind of power is involved in such a feat as this? How is this possible?
ANSWER
- VII) This is the kind of question that, even to this day, is often asked
- VIII) What about those who have been cremated? Lost limbs, been consumed?
God has the power to raise us from the dead and to reassemble us if necessary
1 Co 6:14 By **His power** God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also
Ro 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He
who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His
Spirit who dwells in you.
- IX) It is no more difficult **to restore** a body than it is **to create one** in the first place!
THE SECOND QUESTION
- X) V35 And **with what body** do they come?
He specifically begins to share concerning the condition **of the righteous**
What will the quality of their bodies be, seeing that they have decayed?

- I) Will it look human? What kind of body will the resurrected saints have?
It will be a glorified body, capable of existing in heaven
Phil. 3:20-21 Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 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.
- II) V36-38 **Foolish one** What you sow is not made alive unless it dies. And what you He is deriding those who would reject the doctrine of the resurrection
Fool: Slow to understand: Why can't you learn the lesson that nature teaches?
FACT
- III) Jesus often used nature to give **Spiritual insights**
To Nicodemus Jesus spoke of **natural birth**, or **the movement of wind**
- IV) In Mt 13, Jesus spoke of **the word of God** as seed that is being sown
- V) In Lu 15 to illustrate God's seeking heart, He spoke of a lost sheep, coin, or son
It was common for Jesus to illustrate spiritual truths using ordinary events
TO ILLUSTRATE RESURRECTION
- VI) Paul says it is similar to planting, growing, and harvesting crops
FIRST
- VII) V36 What you sow is not made alive **unless it dies**
Seeds, in order to **germinate**, must first be planted (buried) and **decompose**
- VIII) It ceases to exist in its **present form to** come to life in its **final form** as a plant
This is what Jesus taught
Jn 12:24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat **falls to the ground and dies**, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.
SECOND
- IX) V37 And what you sow you do not sow that body that shall be but mere grain
The seed ceases appearing *as seed*, and appears as *a plant*
It changes in appearance into its finished likeness
- X) Resurrected bodies will be the finished product
1 Jn 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God and it has not yet been revealed what shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, **we shall be like Him**, for we shall see in as He is

- I) V38 But **God gives it a body** as **He pleases** and to each seed **its own body**
Wheat, barley, oats, or whatever kind of seed produces its own plant
Each plant **retains its own identity**: Resurrection bodies do too
THIRD:
- II) **All flesh** is not the same flesh but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh
There is a variety of **natural flesh**: Of men, beasts, fish and birds
All flesh is not of the same kind
THOUGHT
- III) Our resurrection bodies will have a continuity with the bodies we have now
Our **bodies** will die and **change form**, but they will still be **our bodies**
USES NATURE
- IV) V40-41 There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies but the glory of the
Celestial: The sun, moon, and stars have their own special glory
Terrestrial: Flowers, mountains, oceans have their own glory
- V) V42 So also is the resurrection of the dead The body is sown in corruption it is
Paul explains that resurrection bodies differ from earthly bodies
IN WHAT WAY
- VI) V42 First: The body is sown in **corruption**
FIRST
- VII) **As a result of the fall** our bodies **decompose**
Gen. 3:19 In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread, till you return to the
ground; for out of it were you taken: for dust you are and to dust shall you return.
Eccl 3:20 All go to one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again
Jn 11:39 (At the tomb of Lazarus) Jesus said, Take away the stone. Martha, the
sister of the one who was dead, said to him, Lord, by this time **he stinks**: for he has been
dead four days.
IN CONTRAST
- VIII) Our resurrection body will **never decompose and perish** (Notice V54)
SECOND
- IX) V43 It is sown in dishonor (without dignity; in disgrace)
It is placed in a tomb, or in the ground, out of view by friends
It is accompanied by sorrow, loss, pain and tears
Eccl 5:15-16 As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go
as he came, and shall take nothing of his labor, which he may carry away in his hand.
And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit
has he that has labored for the wind?

- I) It is raised in **glory** (dignity; splendor; excellence; perfection)
The body that **is planted is** not what God intended for us

- II) V43 In the resurrection this weak and decaying body **will be glorified**
It is to be raised in glory: honor and beauty when God as God removes the curse
Dan 12:3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.
THIRD

- III) V43 It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power
Our bodies are physically weak and vulnerable to illness

- IV) When resurrected, will no longer suffer pain and sickness
Rev 21:4 He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain. These things of the past are gone forever.

- V) V44 It is sown a *natural* body, it is raised a spiritual body
This speaks of the realm of our existence, what we know **and are now**, on earth
Our spirits reside in a natural body: **Then**, we shall have a glorified, spiritual body

- VI) The spiritual, glorified body will be perfectly suited to live in heaven

- VII) V45 And so it is written *The first man Adam* became a living being. The last Paul refers to Adam: he was created with a natural body, not a spiritual body
Adam took of the forbidden fruit, and the result was sin and death

- VIII) Jesus is the **last Adam**: The obedient Man, passing the test and gives spiritual life

- IX) Adam fell and passed on his sin nature to all who would be born
Ro 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned-

- X) Jesus did not fall and gives to us life and a new nature
Ro 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous
Ro 5:21 just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- I) **V46 However the spiritual is not first**
Every human being, from Adam on, started life natural, not spiritual
Resurrection produces the spiritual body
- II) **V47 The first man was of the earth made of dust the second Man is the Lord from Adam was created out of the dust of the earth**
Gen 2:7 The LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.
- III) **Jesus, on the other hand, existed as God before His incarnation**
Micah 5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”
Jn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God
Jn 17:5 Now Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with you ***before the word began***
- IV) **V48 As was the man of dust so also are those who are made of dust**
We receive our human bodies and sinful natures from Adam
- V) **Because of this, we become sick, deal with physical frailty, eventually die**
Our bodies weaken over time and eventually, we pass on (Heb 9:27)
Ps 90:10 Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass and we fly away
- VI) **V48 and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly**
Jesus is in His heavenly body, and one day we will also have glorified bodies
Phil 3:21 (Jesus) 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
- VII) **God did not leave us without an opportunity to have eternal life**
He has made a way for us, through Jesus
2 Sa 14:14 For we will surely die and are like water spilled on the ground which cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does not take away life, but plans ways so that the banished one will not be cast out from him.

- I) V49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust we shall also bear
We shall receive glorified bodies in the Resurrection, suitable for heaven
1 Jn 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet
been made known. But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall
see Him as He is.**