

1 Corinthians 15 Pt 2 vv 34-58

Jesus

- Get the CD

A Right Understanding of the Resurrection in the *Next life*
Will result in holy living in *this life*

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now **we are children of God**; and it has **not yet been revealed** what we shall be, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this **hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.**

Some in Corinth did not believe in the Resurrection of the dead
Listened to godless people...Leading godless lives/Questioning the Truth of the Resurrection

VI. The Glorious Body Matter of Fact/Pack up the Tent

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.** 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.**

Job believed in bodily resurrection...

Job 19:23 "Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! 24 That they were engraved on a rock With an iron pen and lead, forever! 25 For **I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;** 26 And **after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God,** 27 Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. **How my heart yearns within me!**

2nd Law of Thermodynamics/Ravages of Sin take their toll...

Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the **glory which shall be revealed in us.** 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the **revealing of the sons of God ...**22 For we know that the whole creation **groans and labors** with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but **we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves,** eagerly waiting for the adoption, **the redemption of our body. 25b...we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.**

Jesus: Firstfruits of all who follow Him in His death/rising again

John 12:24 Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.**

- Q. 1** How are the dead raised up? **A.** In a different body
Q. 2 What kind of body will we have? **A.** Heaven-ready body

We are not our body/Our body is not us
Our bodies simply house us...

2 Corinthians 5:4 ...we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed [a spirit] , but further clothed, that mortality [death] may be swallowed up by life.

2 Peter 1:13 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in **this tent**, to stir you up by reminding you, 14 knowing that shortly I must **put off my tent**, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

39 [Q. 2 What kind of body?] 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**.

Different Flesh for Different Environments
Flesh designed for Land/Flesh designed for Water

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.

2 Different Bodies *adapted for* 2 Different Environments
Eternal Celestial Body for Heaven/Temporal Terrestrial Body for Earth

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**. 42 So also is **the resurrection of the dead**.

As stars differ in glory/We will differ in glory
IOWs Some will shine more than others depending on *our works*
[C.f. Parable of Talents]

- Who will shine bright in eternity
 1. Those who lead others to Jesus
 2. Those who are wise, i.e. Fear God
 3. Those who suffer for Christ
 4. Those who meditate on the Name of Jesus
 5. Those who don't complain

Daniel 12:2b ...many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 **Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament**, And **those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever**.

Hebrews 11:35b ...Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a **better resurrection**.

Malachi 3:16 Then **those who feared the Lord spoke to one another**, And the Lord listened and heard them; So **a book of remembrance** was written before Him For **those who fear the Lord And who meditate on His name**.

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as **lights in the world**, 16 holding fast the word of life, so **that I may rejoice in the day of Christ...**[Lights going into eternity even brighter]

Matthew 6:20 [Pay ahead] ...lay up for yourselves **treasures in heaven ...21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. [IOWs We will do the things that matter most to us]

What we do in these temporal bodies matters. Eat/drink/die?

Everybody in Heaven is going to be happy, totally happy, but... the capacity for happiness will vary and differ greatly. E.g. Everybody will be full but some like a communion cup and some like a barrel. Everybody will be full but the capacity will differ greatly just like the stars above. [Courson]

- What are you giving your life to today. Serving? It matters.

Paul continues to address Q.2 What kind of body?

42b ...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. 44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

Raised up to Trade up: Graduation Day

Philippians 3:21 who will transform our **lowly body** that it may be **conformed to His glorious body...**

Resurrection means Change. Big Change.

Job 13:14 "Oh, that You would hide me in the grave, That You would conceal me until Your wrath is past, That You would appoint me a set time, and remember me! 14 If a man dies, shall he live again? *All the days of my hard service I will wait, Till my change comes.*

We will see God...Now able to approach His unapproachable Light [1 Tim 6:16]

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, **For they shall see God.**

We will see God. We will be like God

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has **not yet been revealed what we shall be**, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.**

Psalm 17:15 [David] As for me, **I will see Your face** in righteousness; **I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.**

We will see God as He is.
We will be like God knowing Him as He knows us

1 Corinthians 13:12 ...now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then **I shall know just as I also am known.** Know Jesus/Each other

When? At Death or the Rapture/Whichever comes first

Colossians 3:4 When **Christ who is our life appears**, then **you also will appear with Him in glory.**

On that side of Heaven the Resurrection is complete
On this side of Heaven the Resurrection is a sequence of events

1. Christ the Firstfruits. Done.
2. Believers at the Rapture. Dead and Alive
3. Tribulation Martyrs at Jesus 2nd Coming
4. OT Saints in Israel
5. Wicked at Final Judgment after 1000 yr reign. 2nd Death Rev 2, 20,21

We receive our bodies the moment we die or at the Rapture

2 Corinthians 5:8 [No soul sleep/You are here or there] We are confident, yes, well pleased rather **to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.**

I Thessalonians 4:15b ... we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And **the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore **comfort one another with these words.**

From this side of heaven it will look like those who have died and those who are later raptured receive their new bodies at the same time. From a heavenly outlook those who have died already have their new bodies and are not waiting for us to receive ours at the Rapture. IOWs there is *no waiting in Heaven* since there is *no time in Heaven*; everything that happens...happens in the present. IOWs We are seated with Christ in the Heavenlies at this moment. [NJC]

Presently on Earth we still have a Dual Nature
Image of God and the Image of Adam

Genesis 1:26 ...God said, "Let Us make man in **Our image**, according to Our likeness..."

Genesis 5:3 And **Adam** lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son **in his own likeness, after his image**, and named him Seth.

- At the resurrection we trade up...
 1. Corruption for Incorruption
 2. Dishonor for Glory
 3. Weakness for Power
 4. Natural for Spiritual...

No longer in the Image of both Adam and God
But forever in the image/likeness of Christ alone

44b [Matter of fact] ...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**.

- **First Adam** Living Being Given Life
- **Last Adam** Life-giving Spirit Giver of Life...and New Life

46 However, the **spiritual** [Jesus] **is not first, but the natural** [Adam], and afterward the spiritual. 47 The **first man** [Adam] was of the earth, **made of dust**; the **second Man** [Jesus] is the **Lord from heaven**.

First Man/Second Man? Only two normal real men
Pre-fall Adam and Jesus: All other are excluded/deranged by sin

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**.

VII. The Final Victory

50 Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; nor does **corruption inherit incorruption**.

Man cannot exist eternally in a body that is decaying
There needs to be a change...Resurrection means change

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed**— 52 in a moment, in the **twinkling of an eye**, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the **dead will be raised incorruptible**, and **we shall be changed**.

We shall be changed!

53 For this **corruptible must** put on **incorruption**, and this **mortal must** put on **immortality**. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "**Death is swallowed up in victory**." 55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

Jesus took the Sting of Death for us

Hosea 13:14 "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction!"

Isaiah 25:8 He will **swallow up death forever...**

Hebrews 2:14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, [Jesus] Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might **destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil...**

57 **But thanks be to God,** who gives us the victory [over eternal death/eternal separation. **Victory...]** **through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Revelation 21:4 ...God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be **no more death,** nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed

58 **Therefore,** my beloved brethren, **be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,** knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Therefore: IOWs Because of this Eternal Hope
Be Steadfast/Immovable/Abound in the work of the Lord

Why? Because we are sending ahead treasure to Heaven
Don't take that lightly...We get one chance

We should be working as hard for our reward as Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses
Think they're working for their salvation

1 Corinthians 16

Jesus

I. Collection for Saints

1 Now concerning the **collection for the saints,** as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: 2 On the **first day of the week...**

The early church met on the First Day of the Week
Resurrection Sunday

Acts 20:7 ...on the **first day of the week,** when the disciples came together to break bread...

No Real Chapter Break 15-16: Abound in the work of the Lord...
Take a Collection for the Saints in Jerusalem

2b ...let each one of you **lay something aside,** storing up as **he may prosper,** that there be **no collections when I come.** 3 And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your **gift to Jerusalem.** 4 But if it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me.

Paul collected gifts from churches he planted

As each may prosper...to help the church Jerusalem

II. Personal Plans

5 Now I will come to you when I pass through Macedonia (for I am passing through Macedonia). 6 And it may be that I will remain, or even spend the winter with you, that you may send me on my journey, wherever I go. 7 For I do not wish to see you now on the way; but **I hope to stay a while with you, if the Lord permits.**

James 4:15 ... "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

8 But I will **tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost.** 9 For a **great and effective door has opened to me,** and there are **many adversaries.**

Praying for Open Doors is Biblical
If Paul had gone to Corinth he would have missed an open door in Ephesus

Acts 14:27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the **door of faith to the Gentiles.**

Acts 19:9b ...[Paul was...] reasoning daily in **the school of Tyrannus.**

2 Corinthians 2:12 ...when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, a **door was opened to me by the Lord...**

Colossians 4:3 ...[Pray for us...] that God would **open to us a door** for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains...

V9 Many Adversaries? Hardship does is not always a sign that the door is closed
IOWs When God has already told us to do it...*We don't wait for a peace in it...*

10 And if Timothy comes, see that he may **be with you without fear;** for **he does the work of the Lord,** as I also do. 11 Therefore **let no one despise him.** But send him on his journey in peace, that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the brethren.

- Timothy was given to fear

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has **not given us a spirit of fear,** but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Do not treat Timothy the way you've treated me
Do not despise him. Welcome him. Send him back to me in peace

12 Now concerning our brother **Apollos,** I strongly urged him to come to you with the brethren, but **he was quite unwilling** to come at this time; however, **he will come when he has a convenient time.**

Apollos: Eloquent/Mighty in Scriptures/Watered seeds Paul planted

Ch. 1: Corinth was fighting over the best teachers including Apollos

Paul Strongly urged Apollos to go to Corinth
Apollos was Quite Unwilling

This gives a rare insight regarding how the early church leaders related to each other. It was not a hierarchical relationship and Paul did not dictate *his will* to Apollos. [Guzik]

III. Final Exhortations

13 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

Ch. 15 Be Steadfast/Immovable/Abound
Ch. 16 Watch/Stand/Be Brave/Be Strong. Military Terms

Watch

Matthew 24:42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

Stand

- 1 Cor 15:1 Stand in *the Gospel*
- Gal 5:1 Stand in *freedom from legalism*
- Phil 1:27 Stand in *one spirit/one mind striving for the Gospel*
- Phil 4:1/1 Thes 3:8 Stand *in the Lord*. C.f. Eph.6 Stand/Stand. Stand

Be Brave: Lit *Act like a man*

Psalm 31:24 Be of **good courage**, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the Lord.

Be Strong

Ephesians 3:16 ...according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man...**

Ephesians 6:10 ...be strong in the Lord and in the **power of His might.**

Colossians 1:11 ...**be strengthened with all might**, according to... **His glorious power**

14 Let all that you do be done with love.

1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have **fervent love** for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

Above all things...Let All things be done in love
Without love, whatever it is we do, has no eternal value

15 I urge you, brethren—you know the household of **Stephanas**, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that **they have devoted themselves** to the ministry of the saints— **16** that **you also submit to such**, and to everyone who works

and labors with us. 17 I am glad about the coming of **Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Ach-a-icus**, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. 18 For **they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.**

- **Firstfruits of Achaia:** Paul's Base of Operations. Stephanas one of first converts

Submit to those like him *devoted to the work!*

- **Stephanas/Fortunatus/Ach-a-icus**

Acknowledge those like them who *refresh your spirit!*

IV. Greetings/Solemn Farewell

19 The **churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you** heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. 20 **All the brethren greet you. Greet one another** with a holy kiss.

- **Aquila/Priscilla:** Married couple who helped Paul now w/him in Ephesus

21 The **salutation with my own hand**—Paul's.

- Paul scribe took dictation/Paul finished [Big Letters Gal]
- E.g. Galatians/Colossians/2 Thes/Philemon

22 If anyone **does not love the Lord Jesus Christ**, let him be **accursed. O Lord, come!**

2 Timothy 4:6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will **give to me on that Day**, [Graduation] and not to me only but also **to all who have loved His appearing.**

Maranatha: Come Lord Jesus Come

23 The **grace of our Lord Jesus Christ** be with you. 24 **My love** be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.