

I. Introduction: Paul explained to the Corinthians how their bodies would be resurrected so that they would place their hope in God and the redemption that He would accomplish.

II. How Are the Dead Raised? (1 Cor 15:35-44).

A. The Seeds of Our Resurrection (vv. 35-38).

1. Paul explained to the Corinthians that the dead would be transformed like a seed into a plant, in contrast to the heretical teaching of the Jews and the Greeks.

B. The Substance of Our Resurrection (vv. 39-42).

1. Paul taught that the type of body they would possess someday would be different; just as the flesh of people, fish, and birds are different from one another.

C. The Sketch of Our Resurrection (vv. 42-44).

1. **New Stamina (v. 42):** “sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.” This new body will be immortal and thus invulnerable to physical damage or decay.
2. **New Sinlessness (v. 43):** “sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory.” Dishonor has the idea of humiliation. Sin will no longer dominate and humiliate us but will be conquered.
3. **New Supremacy (v. 43):** “sown in weakness, it is raised in power.” There will no longer be limitations to our bodies; the infinite potential of humanity will be unlocked.
4. **Newly Suited (v. 44):** “sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.” Our new body is designed for heaven, just as our current body is designed for the earth.

III. Conclusion: Human longings for pleasure are not too strong, just misplaced. We long for the passing pleasures of this world, but we should desire the infinite delights of heaven.

Questions About: How Are the Dead Raised?

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word resurrection? How is God going to redeem your body and soul? (**Rom 8:22-23**) What analogy did Paul use to describe our bodies? (**2 Cor 5:1-5**)
2. How is God going to raise the dead? (**1 Cor 15:35-38**) What about people who are cremated? How is the resurrection of the body like a seed planted in the ground? (**vv. 36-38**)
3. Why did Paul say that animals, birds, fish, and humans all have different “flesh”? (**1 Cor 15:39-42**) What is the spiritual point he is trying to convey? (**v. 42**) How will our flesh be different?
4. What does it mean that our body is “perishable”? (**1 Cor 15:42**) How will our new body be “imperishable”? What will it be like to possess an immortal body practically?
5. What does it mean that our body is sown in “dishonor”? (**1 Cor 15:43**) How will our new body be raised in “glory”? What will it be like to have a body that is sinless?
6. What does it mean that our body is sown in “weakness”? (**1 Cor 15:44**) How will our new body be raised in “power”? What physical limitations will our new body be able to overcome?
7. What does it mean that our body is “natural”? (**1 Cor 15:42**) How will our new body be “spiritual”? Does this mean we will be immaterial (like a ghost)? Why or why not?
8. How will our new body be like Jesus’ body? (**1 Cor 15:45-49**) What was Jesus’ resurrected body like? What things could Jesus’ new body do that our bodies cannot?

Prayer

1. Pray that God would help you to anticipate the day that you will receive your resurrected body.
2. Ask God for opportunities to talk to people headed for the resurrection of the dead.