

I Corinthians 15:35-58 – 20 February 2022

“Raptured Into A New Body”

Introduction

*After dealing w/ divisions, disputes, marriage/family, liberty issues & order in the church, Paul completes his reminders to Corinth with the biggest subject of all

*The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

*In 1st half of chap 15, Paul spoke of the power of the resurrection

*It's substantiated with great evidence

*It's essential for our resurrection

*It brings sure hope of eternal life for us

*It brings purpose for this life now

*Now Paul concludes answering the last 2 questions

***Today let's look at what our resurrected bodies will be like and when will it happen**

#1 – What will our new bodies be like? (Vs 35-50)

Read Vs 35

1. Many said this scoffing at Paul
 - a. There's another scoffing at end of chapter
2. Luke 24:25 “Oh fools & slow of heart to believe...”

Read Vs 36-38

1. The new body to come isn't what is planted in the ground, but it's a new thing that God gives
2. Just as the seed that is planted is only part of the whole body, we'll rise as a new whole body
3. Computer analogy
 - a. The real you is like software
 - b. Hardware will change, but you're still you
 - c. New hardware will have traits of the old

Read Vs 39-41

1. Many kinds of bodies (in this world)
 - a. Vs 39 - Of terrestrial things on earth, there are different kinds of bodies (humans, fish, etc)
 - b. Created uniquely – no room for evolution

- c. Vs 40 – Heavenly and earthly bodies will be made of different substance or glory
- d. Vs 41 – Each heavenly body differs in substance
 - i. Before Paul even knew of stars emitting different frequencies and w/ differing rotation
- 2. What happens to human bodies is different than what will happen to other earthly creatures

Read Vs 42-44

- 1. There will be many types of bodies (in the world to come also)
 - a. Vs 42 – Temporary bodies now, eternal then
 - b. Vs 43 – Frail bodies now, powerful then
 - c. Vs 44 – Earthy bodies now, different then
- 2. Our bodies will be eternal, powerful & different

Read Vs 45-46

- 1. Just as the 1st man Adam was made of flesh, the last Man Jesus was made of spiritual things
 - a. Made of Spirit & is a life-bringing Spirit
 - b. Last Adam b/c no more to be created by God

2. The natural or earthy become spiritual, not the other way around
3. This is what we're eagerly waiting for
 - a. Read Rom 8:23 - Redemption of our bodies
 - b. We have the Spirit; we need to be stripped of this sinful flesh

Read Vs 47

1. Jesus is called the 2nd man b/c He's only the 2nd one to begin in perfection
2. And He'll usher many more of us into perfection

Read Vs 48-49

1. We of earth, shall become spiritual as Jesus is
 - a. Read Phil 3:20-21
2. Like unto Jesus' new body (flesh & bone)

Read Vs 50

1. Read John 3:3 –Be born from above (heavenly)
2. Read John 3:5-6 – Being born again is to be born of the Spirit of God that will never die
3. Born once die twice, born twice die only once

#2 – When will our bodies be changed? (Vs 51-58)

Read Vs 51 – (*Great Nursery slogan – ha ha!!*)

1. Biblical mystery is something previously not revealed that is now fully revealed
2. We shall not all die, there's a generation of believers that will not have to die
3. All believers whether dead or alive will have their bodies changed

Read Vs 52

1. Old decayed bodies will be completely changed for both living and dead believers
 - a. Read Rom 12:2 – this is metamorphosed or blossoming what you already have
 - b. ‘Changed’ here is a totally new thing
2. Read I Thes 4:15-17: He descends, we're caught up
 - a. Rapture – ‘Caught up’ is prototypes in OT
 - i. Gen 2:22 – Eve was brought to Adam
 1. Brides always brought to husband
 2. The Church brought to Christ

3. SOS 2:8-13 – “Arise & come away”
- ii. Gen 5-6 – Enoch raptured just before Flood
 1. Read Gen 5:24 – “for God took him”
 2. Noah then sealed in Ark thru flood as the Jews are sealed thru the Trib
- iii. Lot being taken by force
 1. God said He won’t destroy righteous with the wicked – Gen 18:25
 2. Lot was righteous – II Pet 2:6-8
 3. Angels brought Lot forth out of Sodom, literally “to pluck out”. – Gen 19:16
- iv. Rahab saved before Jericho destruction
- v. Daniel mysteriously not there (Raptured) when 3 Israelites go thru fire (Trib)
3. Well when is the ‘last trumpet’?
 - a. It’s is not associated with Feast of Trumpets
 - i. The feasts are all about God’s interactions with Israel – Feast fulfilled at 2nd coming
 - ii. All 4 Spring feasts fulfilled in a single year, and all 3 Fall feast fulfilled in a single year

- iii. Matt 24:31 – Is the Feast fulfillment that gathers all Israel at end of 7 yr Tribulation
- b. It's not associated w/ 7 Trumpets of Rev
 - i. These're angel's trumpets, Rapture is God's
 - ii. Trib is the wrath of the Lamb from God Himself, not just normal trouble from Satan
- iii. Eph 5:25 – Husbands loves your wives as Christ loves the church
- iv. Jesus isn't going to marry a battered wife
- c. Last Trump is seen in Rev 4:1 with John
 - i. Rev 1:19 is book's outline, so 4:1 is rapture
 - ii. It's not earthly trumpet but a heavenly one
 - iii. It's last trumpet a believer will ever hear

Read Vs 53-55

- 1. Even the authority of death will be put under
- 2. Our new bodies will be perfect & eternal
 - a. There's no cycle in which we'll have to do this all over again
- 3. Notice this is a taunt over death!!!

Read Vs 56

1. The weapon that conquers for death is sin
 - a. Sin will be eradicated
2. The powerful nature of sin is provided for by the trustworthiness of God's Law

Read Vs 57

1. Notice, this is a taunt from victory, not a taunt for victory
2. Rev 12:11: blood of Lamb & word of testimony
3. B/c Jesus ever lives, we will too

Read Vs 58

1. Goes back to vs 32 – we do have a hope for eternal new life
2. We have a weighty, meaningful mission to fulfill for Christ while we're here

Conclusion

So, are you ready to be raptured into a new body!?!

1. What will our bodies be like?

- a. Eternal, powerful & spiritual
- b. They'll be like Jesus' body

2. When will our bodies be changed?

- a. Upon death, we're immediately raptured to be with Jesus in the air
- b. Or, we may just be apart of the generation that we not die, but will be taken up by force
 - i. Changed into a new body without the taste of death at all

Because of this great hope and future

*** I Thes 4:18 – “Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

*** I Cor 15:58 – Always be abounding in the work of the Lord, b/c it's not in vain

*** I Cor 15:57 – Thank & praise God for His goodness & wonderful works toward the children of men

~~~Next week, we go to an “addicts meeting” (joke)