

W Raised in Glory

Week of Apr. 17th
1 Corinthians 15:35-58

As people who get sick and age, it is hard to imagine a future free from all the pain of this sinful world. However, when we are raised in glory, all will be made new! Our physical bodies will be imperishable. As followers of Christ, though we mourn the impact of sin on our physical bodies and our world here and now, we look forward with hope and sing, *“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”* (1 Cor. 15:55).

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-44

- Looking at verses 35-36, What were the practical problems Paul’s audience was facing in view of the resurrection?
- Where have you seen God show up in extraordinary ways when you have doubted that something is achievable?
- Paul compares the resurrection of our bodies with the growth of a seed that will eventually turn into something else. What “seeds” have you planted that you are expecting to see grow?
- Christ creates heavenly bodies and earthly bodies differently to suit those specific environments. How does this encourage you when looking towards the future?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

- What is Paul noting as the differences between Adam and Christ? (v.45)
- How can we bear the image of the resurrected Christ right now?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

- Why must humanity undergo transformation before entering the kingdom of God? (v.50)
- Knowing that Christ has defeated death, what should our view on death look like? How can our hope in the knowledge of Christ’s return, give us strength in the midst of suffering?
- When have you felt discouraged by a lack of results when working? What encouragement can we take from the fact that the work we do for the Lord is not in vain? (v.58)

NOTES:

OTHER RESOURCES

READY TO GO DEEPER?

Studying God's Character and Attributes

This week we will study – God is Eternal

(written by Tim Davis)

God has no beginning or end—his is eternal. Before the foundations of the world were created, God was there. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Take some time to read these verses where God's eternal character is referenced.

Isaiah 41:1-4

Revelation 1:4-8

Psalms 90:1-4

Isaiah 57:14-21

1 Timothy 6:11-16

In what context do the Biblical authors discuss God's eternal character?

How can you entrust your fleeting life to the eternal God?

Jesus rose from the dead with a new body, and he'll keep that body for all of eternity. How does that impact your view of the New Heavens and New Earth to come?

How can this profound truth impact your life today?

Outside our Walls

Student Winter Camp

Pray that God would move in mighty ways in the lives of the 5th – 8th grade students who are at Winter Camp!

Thank God for the many ministry partners who are leading small groups discussions, worship and games. Many of these ministry partners are High School students who are stepping out to serve! Pray that God would strengthen and encourage all the ministry partners and student staff!

DIVE IN ON YOUR OWN TO GET READY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Stand Firm

1 Cor. 16:1-24