

COUNSEL FOR A CHURCH IN CRISIS

Lesson 35

Review: *Paul has thoroughly validated the reality of the resurrection of Christ and believers historically, doctrinally, theologically, and now illustratively through the creation.*

I. The Reality Of The Resurrection Reassures Us - *I Cor. 15:45-50*

- A) We have received our first body from the first ADAM
- B) We will receive our second body from the last ADAM (JESUS)
- C) We must bear the IMAGE of the heavenly as the earthy
- D) Those bearing only the earthy cannot inherit INCORRUPTION

II. The Rapture May "Trump" The Reality Of The Resurrection - *I Cor. 15:51-57*

- A) The rapture is the victory over DEATH
- B) The resurrection is the victory over the GRAVE
- C) Both reveal the total victory over SIN

III. The Reality Of The Rapture Is Revealed In Our Resolve - *I Cor. 15:58*

- A) A resolve to be READY ourselves - *Mk. 13:32-37*
 - 1) As seen in our PURITY - *I Jn. 3:2-3*
 - 2) As seen in our PRIORITIES - *Titus 2:12-14*
 - 3) As seen in our PASSION - *II Tim. 4:6-8*
- B) A resolve to be REACHING others - *Matt. 24:36-47*
 - 1) Those with whom we WORK - vs. 40
 - 2) Those with whom we MEET - vs. 41
 - 3) Those with whom we LIVE - vs. 43
- C) A resolve to be RESILIENT - *I Cor. 15:58a*
 - 1) Stedfast - never to be REMOVED
 - 2) Unmoveable - never to be RATTLED
 - 3) Always abounding - never to RESIGN
 - a) In QUANTITY
 - b) In QUALITY
- D) A resolve to be REWARDED - *I Cor. 15:58b - II Jn. 8*