

THE NEW AND IMPROVED BODY – PART I
1 Corinthians 15:35-44

The Corinthian believers had some misunderstandings about the resurrection, so Paul wrote a lengthy portion of his letter to clear up their misguided notions on this issue. In today's passage, Paul provides information about the characteristics of the resurrected body. It boggles the mind to think about how great it will be to live in a glorified body. The resurrection body is the new and improved version of the body we live in today. It gives us a sense of hope for the future.

#1. TWO CRITICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RESURRECTION,
vv. 35-36a

- A. How are the dead raised?
- B. With what kind of body will they come?
- C. Paul thinks this is a foolish question

#2. ANSWER: AN ILLUSTRATION FROM THE PLANT KINGDOM,
vv. 36b-38

- A. The seed grows after its own kind, Genesis 1
- B. The plant that emerges from the seed represents the resurrected body, John 12:24
- C. The diversity of plants is vast with individual characteristics

APPLICATION POINTS

- ♣ We retain our _____
- ♣ We will _____ other believers in heaven

#3. ANSWER: AN ILLUSTRATION FROM THE ANIMAL KINGDOM,
vv. 39

- A. Diversity is a characteristic of animal life
- B. Diversity of men, animals, birds, & fish
- C. Diverse species have individual characteristics

#4. ANSWER: AN ILLUSTRATION FROM THE CELESTIAL KINGDOM,
vv. 40-41

- A. Diversity is a characteristic of astral bodies: sun, moon, stars
- B. Diversity is reflected in the degree of glory they possess
- C. Different glory than earthly bodies: man, animals, birds, fish

APPLICATION POINTS

- ♣ God's creative power is unlimited
- ♣ God's creativity is unrivaled
- ♣ God creates everything to be glorious
- ♣ God creates everything perfectly suited for its habitat

#5. CHARACTERISTICS OF LIFE IN A RESURRECTION BODY – NEW
AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE, vv. 42-44

- A. The body sown is perishable – raised imperishable
 - 1. We will not be able to _____
 - 2. We will not be subject to _____ illnesses
 - 3. We will not be subject to _____ illnesses
- B. The body sown in dishonor – raised in glory
 - 1. We will be able to _____ God perfectly
- C. The body sown in weakness – raised in power
 - 1. We will have enhanced _____ capabilities
 - 2. We will have enhanced _____ capabilities
- D. The body sown a natural body – raised a spiritual body
 - 1. We will be perfectly suited for life in the _____

ANSWERS: Identity, Recognize, sin, Physical, Mental, Worship, Physical, Mental, Spirit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Read 1 Cor 15:12-19 and discuss why the entire Christian faith stands or falls on the resurrection?
- #2. What is significant about Christ being the firstfruits of the resurrection? (1 Cor 15:20-23)
- #3. Why did the Greeks have a problem with the concept of resurrection?
- #5. What is Paul's point(s) about the seed illustration? (vv. 36-38)
- #6. What is Paul's point(s) about the animal kingdom? (v. 39)
- #7. What is Paul's point(s) about the celestial kingdom? (vv. 40-41)
- #8. Discuss each of the characteristics mentioned in point 5 on the outline.
- #9. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

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Come as You Are!

*Christ died for our sins according to the
Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was
raised on the third day according
to the Scriptures,*

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAST INDIAN DINNER

A big thank you to all who helped make the dinner a huge success. Another big thank you to all who gave money to support the spread of the gospel around the world. We will keep you posted on the exact amount that was given. We also want to thank the members of Roseville City Church for joining us and look forward to doing more things with them in the future.

SERMON SERIES

Pastor Bruce will be teaching on the resurrection for the next few weeks. His series is titled "The New and Improved Body."

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Pastor Bruce, Tim and Kathy Brooks will be attending the district conference in Redding, Monday through Thursday. This conference is important because a new district superintendent is being elected, which will impact our district. Be praying!

ONLINE GATHERINGS ARE CONCELLED THIS WEEK ONLY

No Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm, May 3

No Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm, May 4

Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

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