

**I CORINTHIANS**  
**Chapter 15:35-58**

The Greek philosophers believed that the resurrection of the human body was an impossibility. Paul proved them wrong. False teachers say that the resurrection is only spiritual, and that there will be no bodies for the saints. This passage refutes this false doctrine.

Paul has declared throughout **chapter 15** that there will be a resurrection of the believer's body. Now he tells us what that resurrected body will be like. He tells us that we will receive new bodies. Paul writes in **I Corinthians 5:1** - **"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."** The house that he is speaking of is our new body.

He writes in **I Corinthians 5:2** - **"For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven."** All of us long for more than the kind of body we now possess and the life we possess in this body. This body has its limitations and is not immune to pain, sickness, and disease. We all long for a body in which such things no longer exist. Paul declares, "For we know!" Praise God we have the promise that one day we will have new bodies.

**VERSE 35-58:**

After pointing out the necessity of the resurrection, Paul felt compelled to explain the nature of the resurrected body. He anticipated two questions from his opponents - **15:35:**

1. The first dealt with the method of resurrection - **"How ....?"**
2. The second with the characteristics of the body itself - **"With what body...?"**

The critics no doubt thought about many difficult situations which would tend to make the resurrection all but impossible. How could life come out of cremated ashes? What about a person eaten by a shark? What about those who died in infancy? What about the physically afflicted? To such mockers, Paul spoke directly - **"Thou fool, (unthinking one)"**. Leon Morris in his book on **I Corinthians** on page 223 said that, "...its bluntness makes clear Paul's view of the worthlessness of such arguments."

**VERSE 36-38:**

**"Thou fool,"** The word - **"fool"** was used sarcastically of one who lacked understanding. It is a word that means, "without mind." In light of what he has previously said and shown, reason dictates that you accept the truth of the future resurrection of the believer's body.

The foolishness of the critic was caused by a failure to observe some of the principles underlying the growth of living plants. Nature teaches that life, a living plant, comes out of the death of the seed in the ground - **verse 36**. It also shows a continuation of the life principle from the seed to the plant. The plant is "quickened" or made alive by the death of the seed.

**"that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die."** Simply stated, before there can be a resurrection of the body there must be the death of the body. The word - **"die"** literally means to "die off." Somewhere, sometime, someday, and somehow we all die off. Life will cease to exist as we know in this body.

It is an appointment that we all face. There is no escape. The only exceptions are those who are living when Jesus comes. For everyone else, again, there is an appointment with death - **Hebrews 9:27**.

Also, what comes out of the ground is not the same as that which went into the earth – **verse 37**. A farmer does not sow a stalk of corn, but rather a mere kernel. However, what comes out of the ground is based upon and related to what went into the ground. To get wheat, one must sow grains of wheat; to get corn one must sow kernels of corn. You cannot grow corn by sowing wheat or barley.

God has so designed the genetic code that men can trust the relationship that exists between seed and plant – **verse 38**. What men attribute to the evolutionary natural law, Paul saw a sovereign plan of God controlling His creation. The analogies of the seed-plant relationship should be obvious.

Another beautiful example is a caterpillar. You can see a caterpillar crawling along the leaves. Suddenly a change comes over it and it spins a cocoon around itself. Its whole appearance is changed and it dies to its old life altogether. It stays in that cocoon a while and eventually it comes out, not a caterpillar, but a beautiful butterfly; a beautiful butterfly which is able to soar up into the air, and no longer crawls upon the ground, the grass, or the leaves. It is a wonderful picture of what the resurrection may be.

### **VERSE 39-40:**

Even though the new body will be totally different, it will still retain certain features from the old body. Paul continues using certain analogies to illustrate what the new body will be like.

The next thing the apostle stresses is that there are different kinds of flesh. We do not understand the differences, and yet we know that they are there, and that we never pass from one to another. It is the distinction and differences of these bodies that give all living creatures individuality. We see a horse and we know it is a horse because of its body. We see a giraffe and we know it is a giraffe because of its body. We see a man or a woman and we know it is a man or woman by their body (in most cases). The new body we will have will retain its human individuality. We are not going to be angels or some other heavenly creature. We will have a body that will bare the resemblance of the body we now have. It will be a new body but will retain its human individuality.

Men are made to live upon the earth, and that is the only way they are comfortable. There is another kind of flesh, that of beasts, and they can live even in the earth. Think for instance of the bear or the raccoon that as winter approaches goes into a burrow or a hollow tree, and becomes dormant for the period of several months until spring comes again, and then emerges. That would be impossible for a man, but it is not for beasts. The beasts are adapted to this environment; its body is different to that of a human being.

Another flesh is that of fish, and is adapted to an environment that neither beasts nor men can live. Animals may go into water for a short period of time, but would drown if they were kept under water for an extended period of time. The fish is at home there; he is so constituted by God that when he is taken out of the water, he dies.

Then there is another flesh, that of birds, and the bird is suited to fly in the air, completely different from mankind or beast or fish. So, if there are differences here on earth, why need you wonder about the differences between bodies suited to Heaven and bodies suited to this lower scene?

**"There are also celestial bodies,"** that is heavenly bodies, and **"bodies terrestrial,"** earthly bodies. Our Lord Jesus Christ came into this world and took a **"terrestrial body"**. After having made satisfaction for our sins on the cross, He came forth in resurrection in a celestial body, and in that body He ascended through the heavens into the very presence of God - **"He ever liveth to make intercession"** - **Hebrews 7:25** for us. His **"celestial"** body is the pattern of what ours will be. Then we shall have bodies in the resurrection that are not subject to the laws that control us now.

We see in the **Matthew 22:23-30** where Jesus was talking to the Sadducees who denied that there was any resurrection. From this passage we can better understand the truth concerning this subject. The Sadducees had asked Jesus a puzzling question, but then Jesus simply answered them - **"Ye do err...."**. The angels are sexless, they do not reproduce their own kind. Each is an individual creation, and believers

in the resurrection will be like unto the angels. That means that in the resurrection we are not going to be men and women as we are now, but we will simply be redeemed people with no sex distinctions whatsoever.

In ***1 Corinthians 6:13*** - Paul is reproving the believers for making a great fuss about questions of foods, some that are clean and some that are unclean. What he is saying is while we are in this world, our bodies have to be nourished by food, and so this body has a digestive tract by means of which we are able to take from our food those elements that repair the body and supply the needs of it, and discharge the waste. In the resurrection that will not be so, therefore the whole digestive tract, as we now know it, is to be destroyed.

It is not that you will not be able to eat - ***Luke 24:36-42***, but it is not necessary that there should be any digestive tract to dispose of it. We shall have bodies that are unchanging. All the changes of time will have come to an end and our bodies will be likened to the glorified body of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When we have our celestial bodies there will be differences in the glories that we shall enjoy. So the apostle begins to discuss the subject of the material differences between the sun, moon, and the stars. Notice how they differ in glory - ***verse 42***. We read also in - ***Daniel 12:3*** - ***"They that turn many in righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever."*** And when we get our resurrected bodies, they will be bodies of light like that in which our blessed Lord was manifested on the Mount of Transfiguration, and as Saul of Tarsus saw Him when he said - ***"I saw a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun"*** - ***Acts 26:13***.

In - ***verses 40-41*** Paul moves from bodies on earth to bodies in heaven. He says in the first part of - ***verse 40***, ***"There are celestial bodies*** (heavenly bodies; sun, moon, stars, etc.,) ***and bodies terrestrial"*** (earthly bodies; men, animals, plants. etc.). He adds that each has their own - ***"glory"*** (beauty). The heavenly bodies have their own beauty and glory and the earthly bodies have their own beauty and glory. The sun is glorious in one way, the moon in another, and the stars in their own way.

The point that Paul is making is that each has their own identity. Each is known for what they are, and distinguished and identified by their individual glory. People often ask, "Will we know each other in heaven"? The answer is yes. The people that are in heaven have not lost their identity and when we get our new bodies those bodies will still retain their human identity. Paul said in - ***1 Corinthians 13: 12***, ***"then shall I know even as also I am known."*** In heaven and in my new body you will know me as Larry W. Ellis and I will know you as who you are. When I see you I will know you, and you will know me because our new bodies will not lose their human identity.

In heaven we will know and recognize others. What is even more glorious is that we will know people we have never met. Everyone will know each other. We read in ***Philippians 3:21*** - ***"Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."*** After our Lord was raised from the dead He appeared in His glorified body. When people saw Him they recognized Him and knew Him. His glorified body still retained its human individuality and identity. Our new body will be fashioned like His glorious body and it also will keep its individuality and identity.

#### **VERSE 41:**

In the day of resurrection, there will be differences in glory according to the measure of our devotedness to Christ down here. He says, - ***"So also..."***. We are all saved by the same grace and through that same grace we will be raised and changed at the coming of the Lord. We will not all be rewarded in the same way for the rewards are for faithful service. I am afraid many of us are going to lose a great deal at the judgment seat of Christ because we have not been more true and real in all our ways down here.

The day is coming soon when you and I would give worlds, if we possessed them, if we had only surrendered to God's absolute way in our lives. The greatest joy, the greatest blessing that can come into any life is wholehearted surrender to the will of God no matter what it may seem to be, nor how difficult it may seem at the time. The things that many of us have dreaded are the things that brought us the greatest blessings as we have sought to walk with God. Yes, in that day we will wish that we had been more sold out for God and less in love with the world.

### **VERSE 42-43:**

He tells us that the body is **"sown in corruption"**. The word - **"corruption"** is a word that describes decomposition. It is the opposite of beginning, which means coming into being. The moment our bodies come into being they begin the process of dying. A process of decomposition starts from the time they come into being and goes on until we die.

But Paul tells us these bodies will be raised in - **"incorruption,"** a word that means "incapable of deterioration." Our new body will never break down, wear out, or deteriorate. The process of decomposition will be no more and throughout the ages of eternity they will remain the same.

As the years go by, we begin to lose our eyesight and we have to wear glasses. We become hard of hearing and we have to wear hearing aids. Our teeth begin to wear out and we have to wear dentures and have our teeth capped. Our muscles that used to stand up now hang down. But, things will be different in our new body. It will be raised in incorruption.

**"So also is the resurrection of the dead..."** - You can see there is identification between the bodies that die and the bodies that rise, and yet there are differences in appearance. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body. I don't think this subject could be made any clearer than what Paul has said. The body that is sown is the one that is raised, and yet it is changed to incorruptible. Corruption begins only a few hours after death occurs, but the new body will be incorruptible. It will be a glorified body. Just what that means may be seen from what the disciples beheld on the Mount of Transfiguration. They saw the Lord Jesus shining in that glory and they beheld Moses and Elijah - **Matthew 17:1-3** in the same glory with Jesus. Moses, a man who had died, was there in a glorified body. Elijah, a man caught up to heaven without dying, yet he was in the glorified body.

Notice the phrase - **"It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory..."** The word - **"dishonour"**; is an answer to **"our vile body"** in **Philippians 3:21**; literally, "our body of humiliation": liable to various humiliations of disease, injury, and decay at last. This world we live in is in a fallen state and the evidence is all around us. The daily newspapers remind us that we live in a fallen state. Each of us lives in an environment of corruption. It is a world that strives to make us the same. We are faced with temptation to dishonor our bodies, names, and testimonies. But, Paul tells us that our new bodies will be raised in - **"glory,"** a word that usually stands as the opposite of dishonor. Our new bodies will know nothing of temptation, defilement, corruption, and dishonoring. It will be "glory for me." It will no longer be subject to sin, but only praise, honor, and glory.

**"it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power."** The word - **"weakness"** means "without strength." It is a word that especially speaks of bodily strength. The word also carried the idea of sickness. These old bodies are plagued with all sorts of sicknesses that deplete us of our physical strength. There is cancer, heart attacks, diabetes, strokes, and on and on the list goes. But, the new body will be raised in - **"power."** The word speaks of a power that will be imparted by God. Whereas, the old body is characterized by weakness, the new body will have a God-given strength containing a God-given element that prevents the new body from ever experiencing a loss of strength. Praise God our new bodies will never grow weak. They will be immune from all sickness and disease. No more colds, flu, cancer, heart attacks, or strokes.

Yes, the new body is raised in power. How weak this poor body is! The spirit often is willing, but the flesh is weak – **Matthew 26:41; Mark 14:38**. The day is coming when we shall be free from this body of weakness and dishonor and have a perfect body liken unto the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **VERSE 44:**

**"It is raised a spiritual body."** - Do not misunderstand that. A spiritual body is not a body made of a spirit. God is a spirit and is not said to have a body. He took a body when the Lord Jesus Christ became incarnate. **"In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily"** - or "in a body", **Colossians 2:9**. You and I are spirits each dwelling in a body.

I am not all spirit, I also have a soul. **"I pray God your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"** - **I Thessalonians 5:23**. The soul is the seat of my emotional nature, the seat of all my natural instincts. As a man it is my human self, but the spirit is the highest part of my nature to which God can make Himself known. **"The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God"** - **Romans 8:16**. As a Christian I ought to be constantly under the control of the spirit. I ought to live according to the highest part of my being, but to often I find that instead of being controlled by the spirit part of me, I am controlled by the soul and I am more or less a creature of emotions. This is called the **"natural body."**

The word translated - **"natural"** is simply the Greek adjective from the word "soul" that is a soulish body. This body is suited for this life for the expressions of the emotions of my soul. The spirit is often willing to do certain things, but the flesh is weak - **Romans 7:15-25; Matthew 26:41**. The body being a soulish body is a hindrance to the spirit. In the resurrection I shall have a body that is spiritual; a body suited to and dominated by the Spirit. There will be nothing then to hinder the full expression of the spirit, and I shall be absolutely subject to God who is Spirit.

#### **VERSE 45:**

Paul has given certain contrast between the old body and the new body and now beginning in - **verse 45** he gives contrasts between the first Adam and the last Adam who was the Lord Jesus Christ.

Adam was the head of the old creation. God formed him out of the dust of the ground. If you do not believe that, wait a while and your body will go back to the dust, and prove that Scripture is right. God breathed into the man Adam, and he became a living soul and he is the forefather, ancestor of the race. The last Adam is our Lord Jesus. He is the risen One, and so has become a quickening Spirit. He is the last Adam, the Lord from Heaven, and we are going to have bodies like He now has. As linked with Adam I have a body like his, but in resurrection I shall have a body like that of the blessed Lord Jesus.

#### **VERSES 46-50:**

The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." Adam, the first man that ever lived was given life by God. His body was natural – **verse 46** and created of the earth – **verse 47**, therefore a body is subject to death. But, on the other hand, the Last Adam, the Lord Jesus by His resurrection from the dead imparts life – **verse 45** having received a spiritual body **verse 46** and declared the Lord of heaven – **verse 47**. We look back to Adam to the earthly origin of our bodies, but we look to Christ for the origin of our heavenly bodies. We have lived in a body that is earthly, but we will live in a body that is heavenly.

The first man was of the dust, dusty; or of the dirt, dirty!! That is what man is by his relationship with Adam. The second Man is the Lord Jesus from heaven, our blessed glorified Saviour. The very word **"Adam"** means "red clay". NOTE: **verse 48** - As we have borne the image of the earthly, as we have looked like our first father, and had the appearance of the natural man in this world, so we shall bear the

image of the Saviour. I think this helps to explain a passage which has bewildered many people - *I John 3:2* - **"When He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is."**

We might ask the question, "If we are all going to be like Him we will all look alike, and how are we ever going to know each other?" That is not what it says. We have borne the image of the earthly. We are all like Adam, but we do not all look the same. The wonder of it is that of all the people in the world; men, women, and children, no two people are exactly alike. Sometimes we find two people so nearly alike that we can hardly tell them apart, but there is always some little difference.

The infinite variety in creation is amazing when you think that there is little to work with; only one nose, one mouth, two ears, two eyes, one chin, two cheeks, and one forehead. Yet the Creator has made millions of people as He has, yet each one is different from the other. I do not know much about music, but I am always dumbfounded when I think how much can be made from seven tones. I can not understand it, yet I listen to all the differences of music, with many more to be written, all with the same seven notes. So, it is with the human family. There is infinite variety and yet we are all like the first Adam.

Note in **verse 49** - The words **"we have borne"** and **"we shall also bear,"** describe the putting on of something like a garment. Our new bodies will bear the image of the heavenly. We will put off an old body that is corruptible, dishonoring, and weak. But, we will put on a new body that will bear the image of the One that loved us, saved us, and raised us from the dead. John declared in *I John 3:2* - **"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."**

In this life God is working to make us like Christ, but one day he will give us a new body that will be like His and we will bear His image through all eternity. This should cause all of us to yearn for a new body.

#### **VERSE 51:**

The exclamatory - **"Behold"** introduces this new section. In it, Paul wanted to make known the fact that some believers would receive a spiritual body apart from death and resurrection. Although two Old Testament saints had been caught up into heaven apart from death - **Enoch** - *Hebrews 11:5*; and **Elijah** - *II Kings 2:11*, the Old Testament believers knew that they would die and that they would be resurrected when the Messiah came at the last day - *Job 19:25-27*; *John 11:24*. However, through Paul was revealed the - **"mystery"** that New Testament saints could fully change their natural state immediately into a spiritual one. Thus, living believers in a "flesh and blood" condition would also have to be translated into that type of body suitable for the eternal kingdom of God. The word - **"mystery"** speaks of that which has been hidden in the past, but is now revealed by God. This was Paul's own personal hope (note the word **"we"** - he included himself).

Often times we hear it said that, "There is nothing more certain than death and taxes". Taxes seem to be quite certain, but I am glad to say that death is not absolutely certain for the Christian. "Well," someone says, "doesn't the Bible say - in *Hebrews 9:27* - **"It is appointed unto man once to die?"** That is the divine appointment for man as such, but there will be a generation of God's redeemed people who will be exempt from that.

**"We shall not all sleep."** In other words, he says that not everyone is going to die. There are those who will not experience death. Who are these that will not have to die? We find as we read the Word of God that it is the believers that are living when Jesus comes again. We read in - *I Thessalonians 4:17* - **"Then we which are alive and remain** (those that are living when Jesus comes) **shall be caught up..."** Instead of dying **"we shall all be changed"** - *I Corinthians 15: 51*. Paul has already described the wonderful change that will take place at the resurrection of the body, but he now reveals that some will experience the same change without dying.

He uses the word - **"sleep"** in place of "die", for death to the believer is the putting off the tired, weary, worn body to sleep until the Lord Jesus comes to waken it again. It is only the body that sleeps. The

real man, the spirit and soul – **“absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. II Corinthians 5:8**. To be taken home to be with Christ, which is far better? The bodies of our friends in Christ who have died are sleeping, but they themselves are with Christ, happy in His presence. In the first resurrection the body is raised in glory, and the spirit comes to dwell in the body again. That is the state of the believer when Christ calls us forth from the tomb.

### **VERSE 52:**

Every one of us must undergo the magnificent change to have part in the heavenly side of the kingdom. That shall take place instantly – **“in a moment in the twinkling of an eye”**. A - **“moment”** is that part of time which cannot be divided anymore. The scientific word "atom" comes from this word. The - **“twinkling of an eye”** must not be compared with the blinking or winking of an eye.

The - **“last trump”** is not the same as the seventh trumpet of the Revelation judgments – **Revelation 11:5**; rather, it is a military term. In the Roman army when camp was about to be broken, whether in the middle of the night or in the day, a trumpet was sounded. The first blast meant, "Pull up tents and prepare to depart." The second meant, "Fall in line", and when what was called the last trump sounded, it meant "March away". Paul used that figure and says that when the last trump of this age of grace sounds, then we shall be called away to be forever with the Lord.

We might ask when all this will take place. It may take place today, it may be tonight; but whether at midnight, in the morning, or in the daytime it will make no difference to us for we have been redeemed with the precious blood of Christ. "The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible."

Before leaving this verse let's look over this point once again. In **I Thessalonians 4:13-18** - we notice that first there will be the "sounding of the trump" of God - **I Thessalonians 4:16**. Next, the redeemed that have already gone home to be with the Lord and has been in His presence since death will be joined to a resurrected, incorruptible body. Finally, each living Christian will be - **“changed”** directly into a translated, incorruptible body. Both groups of believers receive the same type of eternal body, but they get it in two different ways.

Instead of an appointment with the grave, it will be an arrival in glory. Death has had the power over everyone for centuries, but one of these days that power will be taken away. There will be those that will not have to die! Paul says, "Death, your right over humanity will be cancelled!"

### **VERSE 53:**

The change for both groups is an absolute necessity. The **“corruptible”**, **“mortal”** body of a person which is subject to disease and to death must be replaced by a body which will never get sick nor die.

Given the fact that our bodies are – **“sown in corruption”**, they cannot exist in the presence of the God in heaven where there is no corruption. Therefore, the body is transformed into an incorruptible body.

The mystery is something that was once unknown, but now revealed. The saints of old surely wondered about the resurrection from the dead. But now we can know that we will rise at the return of Christ.

### **VERSE 54-58:**

**I Corinthians 15:26** describes death an enemy. It has been the enemy of every family. It has taken our loved ones and broken all our family circles. It has been the enemy to many a husband and wife, parents and children, brothers and sisters, and friends. It has invaded all relationships of life and torn them

apart. It has shown favoritism to no one and shown no mercy to any of us. But, thanks be unto God that Paul tells us in the final verses of - **chapter 15** that death has its day coming.

In - **verse 55** we hear Paul being sarcastic toward death by saying - **"O Death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?"** Paul reminds us why death even exists. First, he reminds us that the sting of death is sin. Sin is the reason people die. Death gets its sting from the reality that we are sinners. Second, the strength of sin is the law. It is the law that reveals that we are sin. Sin is revealed and proven by the law.

The word - **"sting"** is descriptive of a bee's stinger. Paul was mocking death by saying, "Hey fellow, one of these days you are going to get your stinger pulled out."

Do you remember when you were kids playing on the school play ground, and the times you and your friends made fun of someone? You would go, "Na, na, na, na, na, na." It is as if Paul is saying that to death - "Death, your day is coming!"

When that change takes place then the prophecy will be fulfilled - **"Death is swallowed up in victory."** The prophecy Paul refers to is found in - **Isaiah 25:8: "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it."** It is like Paul is saying, "Death, you have ruled over the human race making all bow ultimately to your demands. But, death your day is coming for one day you will be swallowed up and vanquished in triumphant victory."

But Paul adds in **verse 57** - **"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."** With one final sneer at death, Paul says, "Death, you have had certain rights and have ruled through the ages because of sin, but someone has taken care of that problem and He has conquered both sin and death. Death, just in case you think you are still the big boy on the block; I want you to know that Jesus Christ has won the victory for me and everyone who puts their trust in Him.

Someone has written: "There is a preacher of the old school, but he speaks as boldly as ever. He is not popular, though the world is his parish, and he travels every part of the globe and speaks in every language. He visits the poor, calls upon the rich, preaches to people of every religion, and the subject of his sermon is always the same. He is an eloquent preacher, often stirs feelings which no other preacher could, and bringing tears to eyes that never weep. His arguments, none are able to refute, nor is there any heart that has remained unmoved by the force of this appeals. He shatters life with his message. Most people hate him; everyone fears him. His name? Death. Every tombstone is his pulpit, every newspaper prints his text, and someday every one of you will be his sermon."

Thank God I can say, by the authority of God's word, "Death, your preaching days are numbered. Death, your day is coming!"

Because of what Christ has done for us and shall do for us in the future, we should live a holy life always going forward for the glory of God. We should be positive and optimistic in our outlook. Never should we be turned back or feel defeated because one day Jesus is coming again for us, He will and change this body of clay and make it a body like unto His own that can dwell forever in heaven with Him.

## I CORINTHIANS 15:35-58

## Worksheet

1. What did Paul declare throughout **chapter 15**?
2. What two questions did Paul anticipate concerning the resurrected body?
3. Explain the resurrected body of those who were cremated, eaten by sharks, or died in infancy?
4. Will there be babies in heaven? Explain answer!
5. There can be no resurrected body until what happens? Explain your answer.
6. What part of man dies? What parts never die? Explain answer.
7. Are there any exceptions to our dying? Explain your answer!
8. Give three examples Paul uses to explain the resurrected body.
9. Even though the new body will be totally different, it will still \_\_\_\_\_ certain features from the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The new body we will have will retain its \_\_\_\_\_ individuality. We are not going to be \_\_\_\_\_ or some other heavenly creature.
11. **"There are also \_\_\_\_\_ bodies,"** that is \_\_\_\_\_ bodies, and **"bodies \_\_\_\_\_,"** \_\_\_\_\_ bodies. Our Lord Jesus Christ came into this world and took a **"\_\_\_\_\_ body"**.
12. Will we know each other in heaven? Explain your answer and give Bible verse to prove your answer.
13. In heaven we will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ others. What is even more glorious is that we will \_\_\_\_\_ we have \_\_\_\_\_.
14. What does the **"sown in corruption"** mean?
15. Explain the word **"incorruption,"** and what does it mean?
16. The body that is sown \_\_\_\_\_ the one that is \_\_\_\_\_, and yet it is \_\_\_\_\_ to incorruptible.
17. How were Jesus, Moses, and Elijah seen on the Mount of Transfiguration? – **Matthew 17:1-3**?
18. The body **"is sown in \_\_\_\_\_; it is raised in \_\_\_\_\_..."**
19. A spiritual body is \_\_\_\_\_ a body made of a \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ is a spirit and is not said to have a body. Note: **Colossians 2:9**. You and I are \_\_\_\_\_ each dwelling in a \_\_\_\_\_.
20. I am not all \_\_\_\_\_ I also have a \_\_\_\_\_. **I Thessalonians 5:23**. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the seat of my \_\_\_\_\_ nature, the seat of all my natural instincts. As a man it is my human self, but the spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_ part of my nature to which God can make Himself \_\_\_\_\_. - **Romans 8:16**. As a Christian I ought to be constantly under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
21. The word translated - **"natural"** means what?
22. \_\_\_\_\_ was the head of the old creation. The last \_\_\_\_\_ is our \_\_\_\_\_.

23. The first man \_\_\_\_\_ was made a \_\_\_\_\_; the last \_\_\_\_\_ was made a quickening \_\_\_\_\_.
24. The first man was of the \_\_\_\_\_, dusty; or of the dirt, dirty! The second Man is the \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven.
25. The exclamatory - "**Behold**" introduces this \_\_\_\_\_ section. In it, Paul wanted to make known the fact that some believers would receive a spiritual body apart from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
26. Name the two men of the Old Testament that never died.
27. "**We shall not all sleep.**" In other words, he says that \_\_\_\_\_ is going to \_\_\_\_\_.
28. He uses the word - "**sleep**" in place of "\_\_\_\_\_" for death to the believer is the putting off the tired, weary, worn \_\_\_\_\_ to sleep until the Lord Jesus comes to waken it again. It is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ that sleeps. The real man, the spirit and soul - "**absent from the \_\_\_\_\_, and to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord. II Corinthians 5:8.**"
29. A - "**moment**" is that part of time which \_\_\_\_\_ be divided anymore.
30. Given the fact that our bodies are - "**sown in corruption**", they cannot \_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of the \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven where there is no \_\_\_\_\_.
31. **I Corinthians 15:26** describes \_\_\_\_\_ an enemy. When that change takes place then will be fulfilled the prophecy - "**Death is swallowed up in victory.**" - **Isaiah 25:8.**
32. **Verse 57 - "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the \_\_\_\_\_ through our \_\_\_\_\_."**