

Outline 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

But someone will ask - a good apologist gets into the mind of the one he wants to witness to!!!
Paul knew that objections would come even from within the saved community.

I. The Two Questions vs. 35

- a. how are the dead raised
- b. with what kind of body do they come

II. The Answers vs. 36-44

BACKGROUND

the reason for foolish questions - we are a confused mess sometimes...we speculate -
(some in this culture thought "gnostically" - that it was evil to have a body - it was bad = physical world was bad
= these same people thought - well if the body is bad - and the physical realm is bad - do what thou wilt... And
the idea of a resurrected body was not something they wanted. To them resurrecting a physical was odious.

Others postulated that the body resurrected was not a perfected body...saying Paul's teaching was
grotesque...some kind of "walking dead" outlook.

Paul says both ideas are foolish. Greek "aphron" mindless, ignorant, but still somehow egotistical. The Gnostics
were called the Gnostics which means to know. Paul described them as having no mind to know with.

Paul Describes the Real Resurrection

A. In sowing - the seed dies and then comes to life - "order" - this truth is illustrated in nature vs. 36

B. vs. 37 - the "sowed" body is not the same as what will come out of the ground. (bare kernels or seeds)

C. vs. 38 God gives as He has chosen to do

D. vs. 39-41 Different flesh, kinds, and glories prove that we have differences inherent in creation (real world
differences - not for esoteric or sentimental reasons - "I can love my dog and ignore humans" but because God
has made these differences for His specific purposes.) All the purposes for the specific you will be brought out in
the resurrected you...with exactly zero of the downsides. If you are a good planner...you won't have the
downside of being rigid and hard nosed and not amiable...or even OCD. if you are spontaneous - you will be you
but you will not tend to be undisciplined. On and on we could go....God's purpose for your kind...God says will
be glorious. You will perfectly reflect the goodness of God in your new and perfect body!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dad said...."good in a lot of ways but" - no buts in your future...glory!!!!!!!!!!!!

Oswald Chambers counsels believers to ..

*Learn to associate ideas worthy of God with all that happens in Nature—the sunrises and the sunsets,
the sun and the stars, the changing seasons, and your imagination will never be at the mercy of your
impulses, but will always be at the service of God.* OSWALD CHAMBERS

Seeds remain dormant or inactive until conditions are right for germination. All seeds need water, oxygen, and
proper temperature in order to germinate.

Physical is Connected to the Spiritual (God has done this)

E. vs. 42 Sown perishable (one way) Raised imperishable (another way) parallels the rotting seed and the life
exuding plant - that feeds people...gives shade - is climbed in - or made houses out of

Corollaries: vs 43-44

a. sown in dishonor - raised in glory

b. sown in weakness and raised in power

c. sown a natural body and raised a spiritual body. (by very logical means we can deduce that if there is a
natural body there is also a spiritual body - we have dreams, we have feelings and longings and hopes and
we have exhilaration, we tumble and exult in our physical realm but it many times happens because we
know there is more to us than chemicals)

F. How Did This Get Accomplished? vs. 45-49
JESUS!

- a. . first Adam became a living being vs. the last Adam became a life giving spirit - (after the resurrection)
- b. Natural comes first and then the spiritual - (natural life is important - but it must be kept in perspective. the Thessalonians had a wrong idea about the 2nd coming and stopped going to work so....we must understand we are in a physical world - it matters what we do and how we live - obey God in the realm you are in and you will be fit of the next realm.
- c. Progression gives hope for more as our physical clock ticks and we are more aware about our frailty. We ARE BEING FITTED FOR A NEW WORLD EXPERIENCE! - the dust man = his destiny is dust - from dust you came dust you will return Gen. 3:19 we say at funerals. BUT THERE IS THE REALITY OF THE RISEN LORD!!!! as is the man of heaven.
 1. Jesus reigns, and we will reign with Him.
 2. He is eternally in the presence of His Father - so will we be too.
 3. There is eternal peace there - nothing can happen contrary to the direct will of God in heaven
 4. No darkness in heaven - no pain, no disease, no evil boss, no lazy employee - no snide remarks, no lying politicians, no murder or stealing or adultery or angry fits, or temper tantrums. No traffic or litter or poop diapers. no loss of sleep - no tiredness - no MS or md's or no mold or mildew or rot or foul language or hatred or bigots or immoral behavior or bad moods or blandness or manure. as Jesus is so will be existing. We will existing in that environment and our beings will match that place.
- D. vs. 49 we will bear the image of the man of heaven. Jesus is eternally the god-man fully God and fully human - we will bear the relationship of Christ - children of God - not gods - children of God the offspring of God - and perfect man in all that glory. raised in glory vs 43

Dr. R.L. Pratt connects what we know of Jesus' post resurrection life on earth.... to this passage in Corinthians:

..., mortal bodies are **natural**, but resurrected bodies will be **spiritual**. These terms are difficult to define precisely, but there is no justification for believing that Paul meant to contrast the material and immaterial or the physical and nonphysical. Christ's appearances in his resurrected body demonstrated that he continued to be physical and material, but this physicality had special characteristics. For example, he was able to appear suddenly (Luke 24:36), even in rooms with locked doors (John 20:19, 26), and to vanish just as quickly (Luke 24:31). At the same time, however, he was able to break bread (Luke 24:30), to eat fish (Luke 24:42-43), and to cook and distribute food (John 21:9, 13). Moreover, people were able to touch him (John 20:27).

Bottom line: we will not be ghostly...these will be bodies different in essence but in some ways recognizable and more real than what we now live in.

One More Thing -

there is an important connection made in the new testament about our future hope in the resurrection:
In resurrected **BODIES....OUR EYES WILL BE FULLY OPENED - and WE WILL SEE JESUS LIKE NEVER BEFORE.**

LUKE 24:13-16 **13** That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, **14** and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. **15** While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. **16** But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

btw....Mary thought he was the gardner - the resurrected Christ...Thomas had to be told - don't believe your eyes either? Put your hands in my scars....

1 John 3:2b See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears **we shall be like him**, because we shall see him as he is.

Jesus saw things - saw through walls or he wouldn't be able to go through them without

running into people....or walking through them more specifically.

We will be able to really see what's been going on.

We will see in the realm of knowledge and understanding.
He will solve our questions.

But the most important thing will be....we will see Him fully!

Because we will be bearing His image....because we will be like Him...we will be able to see Him for the first time.

The Bible teaches that Jesus is here right now with us.

Where two or three are gathered in His name He is in our midst, but our eyes - the eyes of this body can't see.

Jesus said that when we give a cup of cold water in His name we do it until Him.

But do we see it that way?

What if no one is thankful for the water.

We get our feelings hurt,

But if we were to see Jesus in our serving the least we wouldn't have those kind of expectations.

Our foolish blindness - will be totally dealt with as we see Him - and know Him.

Oh for that day.

What an expectation -

What difference does this doctrine make?

Back to 1 John 3

3 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure

our goal...Paul's goal was to bring the Corinthians into conformity with Christ.

He gave them a peek into their destiny...completed, perfected image bearers of Jesus Christ.

Dwelling on this hope...forces us to delight in Him!

This delighted hope like this has a purifying effect in the believer.

We look in the mirror...we see less than we did the day before...

We lose steam halfway through the day...and we tend to be bothered.

We get rejected by others, slighted in some way...we get discouraged.

Jesus says...what you see now is not what you will be.

Hope in Christ. The best is yet to come....allow the hope of the truth of your resurrection to purify you...

Dear fellow believer...maybe this life is a struggle right now. Jesus said in this world you will have tribulation - just don't let your tribulation be a matter of discipleship. Jesus did not become downcast or depressed or even cynical because He entrusted himself to His Father. He therefore obeyed him. He decided that He would obey him all the way.

John 12:20-26 again...

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks.

21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

23 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

John 12:20-26

Entrust yourself to the Master Gardener and allow his hands to plant you in the soil of his choosing, warm and watered with the oxygen of His breath to make exactly the right conditions so.... you will die to self...and though you lay down your lives daily for Him...one day you will truly find your life...though you are hid in Christ...you will sprout up and reign with Him...you will bear the image of the man of heaven...because we will be fitted for heaven...we will be residents of that place with our Savior!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

That's hope

That will be our reality.

Because Jesus was raised...we will be raised with Him, bear His image...and be able to see Him and be with Him!!!

Do you belong to Him?

Do you believe this Word?

Doesn't this resurrection thing sound good?

Receive it by faith...

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Revelation 21:5

Christian, by faith believe what God has promised.

You are a new creation in Christ

He is transforming you into the image of His Son

One day soon, you will be totally made new with a raised body to be with the Lord forever!

Therefore, let us walk worthy of this glorious calling and destiny we have in Him!

....setting our minds on things above!