

Scripture this week:

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Fit for Heaven

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Paul guarantees that at Jesus' return we will be resurrected. Paul makes clear that our resurrected bodies will be miraculously transformed from our present bodies, because our present bodies are not fit for heaven.

Our present bodies will not work in heaven.

God will give us new bodies for heaven.

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Reading the Text:

1. Paul addresses statements by some of the people in and around the Corinthian church in 1 Corinthians 15:12. What or whom is he addressing in v. 35 - The same people or different people? Why does Paul consider them '*foolish*' people (v. 36)?
2. In v. 39, what is Paul's point in saying that not all flesh is the same - one kind for humans, another for animals, etc.? What does it mean that things differ in glory in vv. 40 - 41?
3. What descriptions does Paul give us for the resurrected or raised bodies in vv. 40 - 41?
4. What does it mean that we will '*bear the image of the man of heaven*' (v. 49)?

Knowing the Full Picture:

5. Read John 12:23-26. Paul gets his analogy of the grain from Jesus. Jesus' primary emphasis seems to be on the dying (his and ours). What is the emphasis in Paul's use?

Living It Out:

6. What do the reality of the resurrection and the specific realities about our resurrection bodies do for our Christian life today? What are the benefits, or potential benefits, of thinking more thoroughly about these truths?
7. How do we keep these realities in view when there are so many other thoughts competing for our time and attention? How can our discussions as a group keep these truths fresh and applicable?