

Our Resurrection

(1 Corinthians 15:35-58)

- Introduction:
1. What will we be like in the resurrection?
 2. As hard as it is to believe, some in Corinth were denying the resurrection.
 3. Therefore, Paul showed them the devastating implications of such a belief (1 Corinthians 15:12-19).
 4. The resurrection of Jesus guarantees our resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20-22).
 5. Therefore, let's see what we can learn about our resurrection.

I. The Resurrection of the Dead

- A. (1 Corinthians 15:35-50).
- B. What will our resurrected bodies be like? (15:35).
- C. In answer to that question, Paul said our resurrected bodies will be as different from our present bodies as...
 1. A seed is from a plant (15:37-38).
 2. One animal is from another (15:39).
 3. The earth is from the stars (15:40).
 4. The moon is from the sun (15:41).
 5. As one star is from another (15:41).
- D. Our bodies that are sown in the ground will be resurrected but will be totally different (15:42-44).
- E. We are going to be like Jesus (15:45-49; 1 John 3:2).

II. The Transformation of the Living

- A. (1 Corinthians 15:51-56).
- B. Those living at the time of Jesus' return must be transformed (15:50-51).
- C. This change will take place in the "twinkling of an eye" (15:52-56).

III. The Salvation of the Faithful

- A. (1 Corinthians 15:57-58).
- B. All the work, sacrifice, ridicule, persecution will all be worthwhile.
- C. Note the descriptive words:
 1. Steadfast – not hit or miss.
 2. Immovable – not oscillating.
 3. Always Abounding – not sometimes dabbling.
 4. In the work of the Lord – not the potlucks, picnics, youth trips, and church services.

- Conclusion:
1. While Paul's focus is on a resurrection and transformation to life, don't forget there will also be a resurrection and transformation to condemnation (John 5:28-29).
 2. Judging from the above descriptive terms, where will your resurrection or transformation land you?