

26 – THE RESURRECTION – PART 3 (1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-58)

I. Concerning the Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:35-49)

A. The Question Concerning Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:35-37)

1. The Question (1 Corinthians 15:35)

- Paul presents the question concerning what the resurrected body would be like.

2. The Example of Sowing (1 Corinthians 15:36-37)

- Paul uses the illustration of the planting of seed to make his point.
- A seed that is planted is not the final form that it will become.

B. The Example of Creation (1 Corinthians 15:38-41)

1. The Discretion of the Creator (1 Corinthians 15:38)

- Paul points out that God has the prerogative in creation.

2. The Diversity of Creation (1 Corinthians 15:39)

- Simply looking at creation shows that not all things have the same body.

3. The Difference Between Heavenly and Earthly (1 Corinthians 15:40)

- Paul points out that there is even a difference between the heavenly and earthly.

4. The Diversity of the Celestial (1 Corinthians 15:41)

- Paul points to the diversity that exists in space.

C. The Earthy Gives Way to the Spiritual (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

- Our earthly bodies must die in order to experience the newness of eternal life.

D. The Contrast between Adam and Christ (1 Corinthians 15:45-49)

- Adam was the father of all who are made of dust.
- Like Christ the Lord of Heaven, believers will be given a heavenly body.

II. Concerning the Rapture (1 Corinthians 15:50-58)

A. The Question Concerning the Spiritual (1 Corinthians 15:50)

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- Paul makes a statement concerning who will inherit the kingdom.
- The earthly cannot inherit the spiritual.

B. The Mystery of the Rapture (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

1. The Change (1 Corinthians 15:51)
 - Those believers, who are alive, will be changed.
2. The Timing (1 Corinthians 15:52)
 - It will occur instantaneously when Jesus returns for the church.

C. The Perishable Becomes Imperishable (1 Corinthians 15:53-55)

1. The Coming of Immortality (1 Corinthians 15:53)
 - Mortal man must put on immortality.
2. The Victory Over Death (1 Corinthians 15:54-55)
 - This immortality removes the victory from death and the grave.

D. The Victory Through Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:56-57)

1. The Empowerment of Death (1 Corinthians 15:56)
 - Death receives its power from sin, which is empowered by the Law.
2. The Source of Victory (1 Corinthians 15:57)
 - God has given us the victory through Jesus Christ.

E. The Exhortation (1 Corinthians 15:58)

- Because of this hope, we must remain steadfast in our service to the Lord.