

THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY  
I COR. 15:35-49

Introduction:

- A. Paul has proven that "the dead are raised up."
  - 1. The gospel proves it.
  - 2. Witnesses proved it.
  - 3. Theology proves it.
  
- B. He now anticipates a question from those who say, "the dead rise not."
  - 1. v35.
  - 2. There are really two questions.
  
- C. Paul answers these as fully as any question in the Bible
  - 1. It is of utmost importance.
  - 2. This is something I want to know!

I. SOME FACTS FROM BOTANY. V36-38

- A. Life comes from death.
  - 1. v36.
  - 2. Don't think foolishly!
  
- B. The seed sown is not the seed reaped.
  - 1. v37.
  
- C. Seed produces after its own kind.
  - 1. v38.

II. SOME FACTS FROM CREATURES OF FLESH. V39

- A. The four kinds of flesh.
  - 1. men.
  - 2. beasts.
  - 3. fishes.
  - 4. birds.



- B. The fact we learn.
  - 1. We are men.
  - 2. We will be raised as men.
  - 3. We will not become other creatures.

### III. LESSONS FROM ASTRONOMY. V40-41

- A. Each thing has its own "glory."
  - 1. v40.
  - 2. There are two things, heavenly and earthly.
- B. One thing is not another.
  - 1. v41.
  - 2. Celestial bodies differ one from another.

### IV. THE APPLICATION TO THE RESURRECTION. V42-49

- A. "So also is the resurrection from the dead."
  - 1. The body, sown and raised.
  - 2. corruption = phthora - a spoiling, destruction.
  - 3. incorruption = aphthartos - negative of above.
  - 4. dishonor = atimia - disgrace, insult.
  - 5. glory = doksa = splendor, brightness.
  - 6. weakness = astheneia - feebleness.
  - 7. power = dunamis - power to perform.
  - 8. natural = psuchikos - breathing, animal, animal life
  - 9. spiritual = pneumatikos - belonging to the spirit.
- B. The two kinds of bodies. (Resurrection)
  - 1. "There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body."
  - 2. (same as above in #4).
- C. The two Adams. "And so it is written." (Resurrection)
  - 1. "the first Adam was made a living soul."
    - a. Was a natural living creature.
  - 2. "the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."
    - a. Became a life-giving spirit.

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- D. The order of the two Adams. (Resurrection)
  - 1. v46.
  
- E. The nature of the two Adams. (Resurrection) v47,48.
  - 1. Earthy = choikos - earth thrown or dug up.
  - 2. heavenly = epouranios - upon heaven, from heaven.
  
- F. The final state of bodies. v49.
  - 1. image = eikon - not merely the image but also the original not the shadow, but the fulness.

#### V. CHRIST IS THE POWER OF SALVATION.

- A. The two resurrections.
  - 1. To eternal life.
  - 2. To eternal damnation.