

THE IMMORTAL BODY

(I Corinthians 15:35-57)

Introduction:

- A. What we have learned from 1 Cor 15 so far.
1. The physical resurrection of Jesus is part of the g_____ and is essential to salvation.
 - a. If Jesus never rose from the dead, then sin would never have been paid and we would have a w_____ faith.
 - b. The good news of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection and His appearances were h_____ events.
 2. The physical resurrection of Jesus means:
 - a. That Jesus fulfilled His m_____ of paying for all our sins.
 - b. That our future resurrection is g_____ since He is the first of the harvest. The rest of the harvest is the resurrection of believers.
 - c. That our earthly life of serving the Lord by living holy and g_____ lives is worthwhile.
- B. Today's message gives us more detail of the immortal body by answering two questions:
1. What kind of body will we have for an eternity?
 2. What is the timing in receiving this body?

What kind of immortal body? (vv. 35-49)

- A. Three illustrations given
1. From a _____ (vv. 36-38)
 - a. A farmer plants a s_____
 - b. The seed d_____ (i.e. decomposes)
 - c. A new p_____ emerges
 2. From the a _____ kingdom (v. 39)
 - a. Different kinds of animals have different kinds of b_____.
 - b. Humans have a different body than animals.
 3. From a _____ (vv. 40,41) – all the heavenly bodies (the sun, moon, and stars) have different d_____ of brightness.
- B. The three illustrations applied
1. The illustration from agriculture applied (vv. 42-44)

- a. Our physical bodies are s_____ as a perishable (temporary) body but are raised as an imperishable (everlasting) body – this corresponds to the sown seed that decomposes and produces a new plant.
 - b. Our physical bodies are sown in dishonor but raised in g_____ - this corresponds to the farmer seeing the new crop as glorious.
 - c. Our physical bodies are sown in weakness but raised in p_____ - this corresponds to the power of God behind the germination process.
 - d. Our physical bodies are sown a natural body but raised a s_____ body – introduces the next application.
2. The illustration from the animal kingdom applied (45-48)
 - a. The natural body that we are born with differs from the spiritual (resurrected) body that we will have.
 - 1) Our natural body originated from the first A_____, but our spiritual (resurrected) body will originate from the s_____ Adam, Jesus Christ.
 - 2) The first Adam came from the e_____, but the second Adam (Jesus) came from h_____.
 - b. Therefore our resurrected heavenly body will be different from our earthly body.
3. The illustration from astronomy applied (v. 49)
 - a. Paul uses the word i_____ to correspond with the varying degrees of glory (brightness) among the stars.
 - b. Our natural born bodies reflect an e_____ image but our spiritual (resurrected) bodies will reflect the image of the heavenly.
 - 1) Jesus is the i_____ of the invisible God (Col 1:15)
 - 2) When a person becomes a believer, they are then predestined to be conformed to the image of C_____ (Rom 8:29)
 - 3) We will be fully conformed to Christ's image when we receive our resurrected bodies at Jesus's coming (1Jn 3:3).

What is the timing in receiving it? (vv. 50-57)

- A. Our physically bodies will be transformed in a m_____ (52)

1. The Greek word used is where we get our word a _____
 2. The Greek word used literally means, “that which cannot be d _____” – it was the smallest measure of time
 3. It is described by Paul as equal to the time it takes for an eye to b _____.
- B. Our physical bodies will be transformed at the l _____ trumpet (v. 52b)
1. The Old Testament refers to a g _____ trumpet (Is 27:13)
 - a. Jesus referred to this trumpet in Matt 24:31 that would signal the act of g _____ His chosen ones from all over the earth.
 - b. If this is the same trumpet, why is it called the last trumpet?
 2. This implies that there are other trumpets that precede it.
 - a. Revelation 8 and 9 refer to s _____ trumpets
 - 1) Some believe that the r _____ will occur before these trumpets sound.
 - 2) 1 Thess 4:16 states that the “rapture” or the gathering up will happen at the s _____ of a trumpet.
 - 3) 1 Cor 15:52 tells us that it will occur at the l _____ trumpet.
 - b. Believers will be on the earth when all seven trumpets sound.
 3. The 7th trumpet is the last trumpet
 - a. Rev 11:15 gives an announcement of what happens at this final trumpet – the kingdom of this world becomes the kingdom of C _____ and He will reign forever and ever.
 - b. I Cor 15:52-55 tells us that at the last trumpet the believer’s mortal bodies are transformed into immortal bodies and d _____ is forever conquered.
 - c. I Thess 4:17 gives the order of the gathering up to Christ at the sound of a trumpet.
 - 1) Those believers who are dead r _____ first
 - 2) Those believers who are alive are caught up t _____ with them in the clouds to meet Jesus in the air.