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A STUDY ON 1 CORINTHIANS



"How Are The Dead Raised"

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

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**35 But someone will ask,
“How are the dead
raised? What kind of
body will they have when
they come?”**



Driving Question:

**What have we failed to see
when we foolishly question the
resurrection of the dead?**



1. God's Illustrations of The Resurrection

36 You fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 And as for what you sow—you are not sowing the body that will be, but only a seed, perhaps of wheat or another grain.



a. The Illustration from Botany, 35-38

38 But God gives it a body as he wants, and to each of the seeds its own body.



b. The Illustration from Zoology, 39

39 Not all flesh is the same flesh; there is one flesh for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.



c. The Illustration from Astronomy, 40-41

40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is different from that of the earthly ones. 41 There is a splendor of the sun, another of the moon, and another of the stars; in fact, one star differs from another star in splendor.



2. God's Intentions in The Resurrection

42 So it is with the resurrection of the dead: Sown in corruption, raised in incorruption; 43 sown in dishonor, raised in glory; sown in weakness, raised in power; 44 sown a natural body, raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.



How is God transforming us through the resurrection?

- a. From Corruption to Incorruption
- b. From Dishonor to Glory
- c. From Weakness to Power
- d. From Natural to Spiritual



3. God's Insurance of The Resurrection

45 So it is written, The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, then the spiritual. 47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 Like the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; like the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. 49 And just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.



- a. Just as Adam came first and then Christ came
- b. So now, the natural comes first and then the spiritual
- c. As in Adam we first possess a natural, earthy body
- d. Now in Christ we will possess a spiritual, heavenly body



Will you be born twice and so die once and then live in glory and resurrection life forever through faith in Jesus Christ? Or will you remain in Adam, a man of the earth, a man of dust, born once, doomed to die twice?