



But How?

Resurrection Questions, Part 2

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

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What will we learn?

- ❖ These bodies of ours are temporary.
- ❖ At the resurrection, our new bodies will be similar to our original bodies, but transformed.

Tools for epistles:

- ❖ Read it through at one sitting.
- ❖ Remember that it is someone else's mail.
- ❖ Look for the occasion.



ATLANTIC OCEAN

Britian

Belgica

Germania

Sarmatia

Gaul

Dacia

BLACK SEA

Spain (Tarshish?)

Italy

Moesia

Thrace

Pontus

Armenia

• ROME

Illyricum

Macedonia

Asia Minor

Cappadocia

Galatia

SYRIAN ANTIOCH

Roman Empire

CORINTH

EPHESUS

Euphrates River

Africa

Achia

Cyprus

Syria

• JERUSALEM

GREAT SEA (The Mediterranean)

Crete

Numidia

Cyrenacia

Egypt

Nabatea (Arabia)

MELBOURNE COMMUNITY CHURCH
REFLECTING CHRIST'S LOVE

Nile River

RED SEA



Southern Greece and the Aegean

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Challenges of Corinthian church:

- ❖ Cosmopolitan influence
- ❖ Class consciousness
- ❖ Strident individualism
- ❖ Arrogance
- ❖ Hyper-spirituality
- ❖ Accommodation with culture

Structure of 1 Corinthians:

- ❖ Greeting
- ❖ Problems reported by Chloe's people
- ❖ Questions you wrote about
- ❖ Farewell

If there is no resurrection ...

- ❖ Not even Christ has been raised.
- ❖ Our preaching is useless and so is your faith
- ❖ We are false witnesses.
- ❖ Your faith is futile.



If there is no resurrection ...

- ❖ You are still in your sins.
- ❖ Those who have already died are lost.
- ❖ We are of all people most to be pitied.



Richard L. Hays:

“If there is no resurrection, this self-denying lifestyle makes no sense; those who follow the example of Jesus and Paul are chumps missing out on their fair share of life’s rewards.”

1 Corinthians 15:1-34

- ❖ The resurrection of Jesus is a true historical event.
- ❖ The resurrection of Jesus is the defining belief of Christianity.
- ❖ Because Jesus was resurrected, those who belong to him will be resurrected also.

1 Corinthians 15:33-34

Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God — I say this to your shame.



1 Corinthians 15:35

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised?
With what kind of body will they come?”

1 Corinthians 15:36-37

How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

1 Corinthians 15:38-39

But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another.

1 Corinthians 15:40-41

There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.



Pelagius:

“If God could make the sun, moon and stars,
what problem will he have in making
new bodies for us?”

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead.
The body that is sown is perishable,
it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor,
it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness,
it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body,
it is raised a spiritual body.

Two kinds of bodies:

Natural is sown ...

- ❖ Perishable
- ❖ In dishonor
- ❖ In weakness

Spiritual is raised ...

- ❖ Imperishable
- ❖ In honor
- ❖ In power



Pelagius:

“Everything wrong with our bodies in this life will be healed in the resurrection.”

1 Corinthians 15:44-45

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:46-47

The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven.



1 Corinthians 15:48-49

As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

Jesus after the resurrection:

- ❖ Luke 24
- ❖ John 20-21
- ❖ Acts 1:1-9
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Philippians 3:17-18

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.



Philippians 3:19

Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.

Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.



1 Corinthians 15:50

I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed — in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:53-54

For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



Romans 7:24-25

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!



Isaiah 25:7-8

On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.



Revelation 21:1-2

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.



Revelation 21:3

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the
people, and he will dwell with them. They will
be his people, and God himself will be
with them and be their God.



Revelation 21:4

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or mourning
or crying or pain, for the old order of things
has passed away.”



1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters,
stand firm. Let nothing move you.
Always give yourselves fully to the work
of the Lord, because you know that
your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.



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for faithful action in the world.”

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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper

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