

The Ultimate “Body Life” I Cor. 15:35-58

The reason for such a long section on the resurrection is to help motivate the Corinthians and us to faithful service to Christ. Paul began tying in the resurrection to justification (15:1) and concludes with the resurrection in terms of sanctification as well as to help motivate us to serve Christ (15:58). In this final section of the chapter 15, Paul answers certain objections to the doctrine of the Bodily Resurrection of the Christian illustrating and applying truth from nature, from Scripture and from the revelation of the Mystery of God’s ultimate plans for all His creation.

- I. The Reality of the Resurrection Body involves a similarity and yet diversity from the earthly body :35-49
 - A. The Principle of similarity & diversity implies a prior death :35a, 36

 - B. The Principle of similarity & diversity illustrated from the created universe: 37-41

 - C. The Principle of similarity & diversity applied to the resurrection body and confirmed by scripture :42-49
 - a. The risen body is not corruptible but incorruptible: 42

 - b. The risen body is not dishonorable but glorious: 43a

 - c. The risen body is not weak but powerful: 43b

 - d. The risen body is not for natural use but spiritual use: 44

 - e. The risen body is not earthly but heavenly: 45-49

- II. The Reason for a Resurrection Body is that we can spend eternity with Christ :50-57
 - A. The Requirement for a Resurrection Body :50

 - B. The Reason for a Resurrection Body :51-53

 - C. The Reception of a Resurrection Body and the Final Victory :54-57

- III. The Result of the Doctrine of the Resurrection Body :58

The future resurrection of the Christian is true and is not vain. Therefore, live your life and even accept death in light of this spiritual reality. Live today in light of tomorrow for: Right now counts for ever!