

PREACH THE RESURRECTION BODY

We are currently studying a Sunday series of doctrines of the Resurrection from 1 Cor.15:1-58. Today we are studying the third of six sections in this series, entitled, **Preach the Order of Resurrection.**

(1 Cor.15:1-11)	Preach Gospel of Grace Salvation
(1 Cor.15:12-19)	Preach the Resurrection
(1 Cor.15:20-28)	Preach the Order of the Resurrection
(1 Cor.15:29-34)	Preach the Victory of Resurrection
(1 Cor.15:35-49)	Preach the Resurrection Body
(1 Cor.15:50-58)	Preach the Mystery of the Rapture

We will divide our lesson text into two studies on Preaching the Resurrection Body:

(1 Cor.15:35-41)	Paul illustrated the resurrection body by three categories of creation and will answer the Fool's Question regarding the Resurrection Body. Plant life (1 Cor.15:35-38) Flesh life (1 Cor.15:39) Celestial-Terrestrial life (1 Cor.15:40-41)
(1 Cor.15:42-49)	Paul discusses eight different classifications between the natural body and the spiritual body.

Once again, Paul opens this discussion with Greek debater technique. He introduced two rhetorical questions with a diatribe device of critical assertion. **"But someone (tis/ nsm) will say,** 'How are the dead raised? And 'With what kind of body do they come.'" (1 Cor.15:35)

This lesson will study four aspects of Paul's answer to the Fool's Question of Resurrection Body.

1. Paul addressed the SOMEONE as a FOOL (aphron/ vsm). It is interesting that this SOMEONE, the FOOL was placed in the singular.

Paul was not addressing all Corinthians believers, only those who rejected the doctrine of the Resurrection. Paul was saying to this group – **"how foolish to believe** there is no resurrection of Christ."

There are two other Greek words used for fool or foolish:

- anoetos (without understanding) (Gal.3:1-3)
- moros (foolish) (1 Cor.1:25-27) [moron in English- mental flaw].

Paul didn't use either of these two words, he **used aphron (without reason).**

A better translation would be:

- Have you lost your mind?
- What were you thinking?
- Are you out of our mind?

"You fool!" (1 Cor.15:36a)

2. Now Paul gives three categories of creation to show why rejection of the resurrection is **FOOLISH** (without solid reasoning).

- **Plant Life (1 Cor.15:36b-38)**

This involves three laws of Day 3 of creation (Gen.1:9-13) [vegetation and fruit trees].

- The **first law:** Death precedes Life (1 Cor.15:36b).
- The **second law** Seed body is different than Plant body (1 Cor.15:37).
- The **third law** The Divine Law of creation. (1 Cor.15:38)

“But God gives it a body just as He wishes and to each of the seeds a body of its own.”

The Hebrew word “**min**” (after their kind) [today we would refer to it as its DNA] of the seed constitutes the identity of the plan:

(Gen.1:11) “Then **God said**, ‘Let the earth sprout vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit **after their kind** with seed in them”; **and it was so.**” [God has the last word on it.]

- **Flesh Life (1 Cor.15:39) [Note: There is no verb in this verse]**

This involves four categories of the creation of “Flesh Life” during Days 5 and 6 of creation and involves different bodies (Gen.1:20-31).

(1 Cor.15:39) “**All flesh is not the same flesh** but there is one flesh of men and another flesh of beasts and another flesh of birds and another of fish.”

- **Celestial-Terrestrial bodies (1 Cor.15:40-41)**

(1 Cor.15:40) “The glory of the heavenly is one and the glory of the earthly is another.” Their glory is their body.

This illustration of the resurrection body comes from Day 4 of creation (Gen.1:14-18).

There are four different glory bodies of the celestial creation:

- Sun
- Moon
- Stars
- The difference of stars (1 Cor.15:41)

QUESTION: What is the doctrinal point of these illustrations? Write your answer below.

3. Paul was directing his remarks to those (SOMEONES) who were rejecting the doctrine of the believer’s resurrection based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:12-19).

Paul's Warning:

(1 Cor.15:17) "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins."

Paul's Declaration:

(1 Cor.15:22-23) "For as **in Adam all die**, so also **in Christ all will be made alive**. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming."

4. In (1 Cor.15:42-49), Paul used two demonstrative adverbs with a conjunction (houtos kai) [so also] to divide this passage into two parts regarding the resurrection body.

(1 Cor.15:42a) "**So also** is the resurrection of the dead."

(1 Cor.15:42-44) (so also) – human body **sown** and resurrection body **raised**.

(1 Cor.15:45-49) (so also) – written – **first Adam** natural, earthly body and **Last Adam** spiritual, heavenly body.

Paul's point: The natural body cannot live after death, therefore there is a need for a resurrection body.

5. In (1 Cor.15:42-44), Paul used the Divine Law of sown and raised to explain the different between the natural body and the resurrection body.

Sown (speiro/ p.p.ind.3ps)

Raised (egeiro/ p.m.ind.3ps)

Perishable body

Imperishable body

Dishonor

Glory

Weakness

Power

Natural

Spiritual

Point: "If (1cc) [true] there is a natural body, [and there is] there is also a spiritual body." (1 Cor.15:44b)

(1 Cor.15:38) "But **God gives it a body just as He wished**, and to each of the seeds a body of its own."

6. In (1 Cor.15:45-49), Paul used two federal heads of the human race to explain the importance of the resurrection.

(1 Cor.15:45a) "**So also** it is written (grapho/ perf.p.ptc 3ps) (Gen.2:7), 'The first man, Adam became a living soul.'"

First (ho protos) Adam
(Rom.5:12-21)

Last (ho eschatos) Adam
(1 Cor.15:22)

Natural body

Spiritual body

Earth

Heaven

Earthy

Heavenly

Image

Image

(2 Cor.5:8) "We are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be **absent from the body** and to be **at home with the Lord**."

(1 Cor.15:14) "And if **Christ has not been raised**, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain."