

END TIMES



End Times (Student Lesson Four)– Resurrection Doctrine, Body Transformation Doctrine

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Resurrection Transformation

I Corinthians 15:50 – Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

I Corinthians 15:51 – Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

I Corinthians 15:52 – In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

I Corinthians 15:53 – For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

I Corinthians 15:54 – So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

I Corinthians 15:55 – O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

I Corinthians 15:56 – The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

I Corinthians 15:57 – But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 15:58 – Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Lesson Notes:

(I Corinthians 15:50) – To settle all queries about the body assigned to the resurrected the Apostle states clearly that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. The body we have now cannot be preserved or reassembled to transition into eternity. A flesh and blood body is not sustainable in the world to come. The only substance that is sustainable in eternity is “*spiritual*”.

The human body is corruptible with the propensity to decay causing it to lose life. The spiritual body is incorruptible and, therefore, preserves life without limits or loss.

(I Corinthians 15:51) – The Apostle reveals the mystery that explains how a man, living or dead will access the eternal Kingdom of God. The mystery begins with removing the distinction between the living and the dead. Everyone will not sleep, meaning everyone will not have their life on earth extinguished before Christ returns. However, when He returns, access to eternity requires all people to be changed whether you are alive or dead.

All people must be transformed (change forms) from their mortal form into an immortal. Nothing mortal can transfer into the immortal world to come.

(I Corinthians 15:52-53) – The change is instant it is not progressive. In a moment before the blink of an eye the resurrected dead and the living will be changed from mortal to immortal. The dead whose name is found in the Book of Life will be raised up incorruptible and not changed after they are awakened.

The corruptible man or woman who is alive and whose name is found in the Book of Life will put on an incorruptible body, changing their status instantly.

(I Corinthians 15:54) – When the corruptible, mortal man puts on incorruption and immortality, the declaration against death will be fulfilled. Death will be swallowed up in victory.

(ICor 15:55-56) – The victory declaration can be announced: Oh death where is thy sting; because of sin, the consequential sting of death separated man from God eternally. Oh grave where is thy victory; the strength of sin was the inability of man to keep the law to avoid the consequence of sin. The barrier created by sin and the law is now breached and no longer a hindrance to the resurrected fruit of righteousness.

(I Corinthians 15:57) – Thanks only to God because He alone has delivered this victory through the (Lord), the resurrected Christ-Jesus.

(I Corinthians 15:58) – Therefore to all the brethren presently living in Christ and trusting in Christ, be steadfast – sit and remain in your position of faith. Be unmovable – silent, cannot be moved or disturbed. Always abounding – able to go or endure beyond the opposition or conflict. “In the work of the Lord” – because we know God’s work is not vain (empty). It has purpose and intent.

Our labor in the Lord has a much greater purpose and intent beyond the opposition against us. We must remain. We cannot move. We must endure beyond the moment.