

END TIMES



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

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Resurrection Body

I Corinthians 15:35 – But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

I Corinthians 15:36 – *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

I Corinthians 15:37 – And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*:

I Corinthians 15:38 – But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

I Corinthians 15:39 – All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but *there is* one *kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.

I Corinthians 15:40 – *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.

I Corinthians 15:41 – *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory.

I Corinthians 15:42 – So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

I Corinthians 15:43 – It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

I Corinthians 15:44 – It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

I Corinthians 15:45 – And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.

Lesson Notes:

(I Corinthians 15:35-37)—After reviewing all the resurrection evidence presented, some will still question the outcome of a demised body and the physical attributes of a body revitalized. It can be difficult to imagine ourselves in a body different from our present form.

The Apostle explains the aftermath of a seed planted in the soil. His example illustrates the necessity of losing one form to obtain the results of acquiring another. A seed cannot yield fruit without degenerating and losing its first form. The seed decays to inherit a new body altogether.

The body of a wheat or barley plant is not placed in the ground to generate a new body. The seed of the plant is sown into the ground the body of the plant is determined by the seed that is sown.

(I Corinthians 15:38)— God gives every fruit a body that is pleasing to Him. Every fruit seed is assigned to yield a specific fruit body and every seed sown returns a different body of fruit. In the same manner, every resurrection seed will be assigned a specific resurrected body that is pleasing to God.

(I Corinthians 15:39)— Every seed has its own body. In the same manner all flesh has its own body. There is the body of man, beast, fish, and birds.

(I Corinthians 15:40-41)— There are celestial, heavenly or angelic bodies and there are terrestrial, earth bodies. The celestial and terrestrial bodies do not have the same glory (appearance/illumination). In the same manner that the sun, moon, and stars each appear differently illuminated in the heavens.

(I Corinthians 15:42-43)— The body of a man that is sown and buried in the ground is corruptible. It will decompose and to dust, returning to the core element from which the body is made. (Ecclesiastes 12:7) The physical body is sown in corruption and dishonor but it resurrected incorruptible and raised up in glory. Sown in weakness and raised up in power.

(I Corinthians 15:44)— A natural body will be buried in the ground, but a spiritual body will be assigned to subsequent fruit that follows the resurrected Christ.

In the same way a physical body exists, a spiritual body also exists. The spiritual body has the ability to move, speak, and be seen.

(I Corinthians 15:45)— The first man, meaning the “body” of the first man received the breath of God to become a living soul. (Genesis 2:7) The first Adam was a living creature, brought to life by the eternal breath of God but he was earthbound, without access to the world beyond the heavens.

The second Adam, the man “Christ,” was made a quickening spirit when resurrected from His earth's grave. He was not limited to the boundaries of the earth and, therefore, mounted a cloud to ascend beyond the heavens. (Acts 1:9-10)