



Questions about Our Bod from God!

Lesson 11 • 1 Corinthians 15:35-53

1 Corinthians 15:35 Lays Out the Two Most Common Questions Regarding the Resurrection of Believers:

- #1 HOW ARE THE DEAD raised up?
- #2 WHAT KIND OF BODIES will we have?

1 Corinthians 15:1-34	1 Corinthians 15:35-58
<i>Are the DEAD Raised?</i>	<i>HOW Are the DEAD Raised and with WHAT Kind of BODY?</i>
"DEAD" is used 11 times Used 6 times in the phrase "If the dead are not raised"	"BODY" is used 10 times Not used at in all in verses 1-34
The DEAD are referred to as rising up 13 times	The BODY is referred to as rising up 3 times The DEAD are referred to as rising up 2 times
Harvest Analogy of First Fruits and Future Crops <i>Christ's bodily resurrection from the dead is the first fruits of the future harvest of believer's bodily resurrection!</i>	Harvest Analogy of Sowing Seeds and Sprouting Plants <i>The dead in Christ are raised like a seed sown (burial) to be harvested later (resurrection) with transformed bodies suited for their new environment.</i>

Paul's Answers to the Most Common Questions/Objections about Our Bod from God as Believers

1. ILLUSTRATIONS from the OLD Creation. (36-44)

- The Illustration of a Seed Being Sown Yet Sprouting Up as the SAME BUT DIFFERENT (vv. 36-38)

First Question/Objection Answered: *How are dead raised?*

"You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies..." (36)

Death is not the end of the believer's body, but a logical TRANSITION to a new one!

Second Question/Objection Answered: *With what kind body do they come?*

"...and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else." (37)

Decay of a believer's body is not a problem, because resurrection is a TRANSFORMATION to a different kind of body!

Both Answers Are Further Illustrated: *The Creator is in charge of who gets what kind of body and why!*

"But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own!" (38)

As the Creator God gets to give everything a body uniquely DESIGNED for its own purpose and place in His creation!

- The Illustration of Different Kinds of Bodies Designed for Different PURPOSES AND PLACES (vv. 39-44)

Paul Draws on Illustrations from the Entire Creation (39-41)

- 1) The **bodies of living things on earth** are designed for DIFFERENT purposes and places. (39)
- 2) The **bodies on earth** and **in the heavens** are designed to REFLECT different kinds of glory. (40)
- 3) The **bodies in the heavens** are designed to reflect different DEGREES of glory. (41)

What Is Paul Trying to Get Us to See?

- 1) With the **Seed Illustration** the stress is on resurrection **and** continuity. (36-38)
- 2) With the **Different Kinds of Bodies Illustration** the stress is on resurrection **and** suitability. (39-44)

Paul Applies BOTH ILLUSTRATIONS to Our Resurrection from the Dead in Christ (42-44)

Vs.	The Dead in Christ Are in Transition to a Transformation by Resurrection!	
42	Sown in CORRUPTION	Raised in INCORRUPTION
43	Sown in DISHONOR	Raised in GLORY
43	Sown in WEAKNESS	Raised in POWER
44	Sown a NATURAL BODY	Raised a SPIRITUAL BODY

2. EXPLANATIONS from the NEW Creation in Christ. (45-50)

Vs.	FIRST Adam's Body Designed for the OLD Creation	SECOND Adam's Body Designed for the NEW Creation
45	Created to be a LIVING SOUL	Raised to be/give a LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT
46-47	FIRST a body made from and suited for the earth	THEN a body made from and suited for heaven
48-49	NOW our created bodies bear the image of the "earthy" First Adam	NOT YET do have our resurrected bodies that will bear the image of the "heavenly" Second Adam

So What Kind of Bod from God Will We Get When We Rise Up?

- The kind of body **GOD CHOOSES** to give us.
"But God gives it a body just as He wished (NAS) – planned (NET) – chosen (ESV) – pleases (NKJV) – determined (NIV) – wants it to have (NLT)..." (38)
- The kind of body that is **ONE PER** individual.
"...a body...to each..." (38)
- The kind of body that is **UNIQUELY YOU**.
"...a body of its own." (38)
- The kind of body that is **THE SAME BUT DIFFERENT**.
"...each of the seeds..." (38)
- The kind of body that is **LIKE CHRIST'S** resurrected, glorified, and exalted body.
"Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly." (49)
- The kind of body that is **DESIGNED / SUITED** for the glory of the coming Kingdom and New Creation.
"Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable." (50)

The Final Answer to Questions and Objections about Our Bod from God

Rising Up from the Dead with a Transformed Spiritual Body Is Not a Problem for God in Christ Jesus!

Four Takeaways for Those Who Are in Christ

- 1) Don't reject the truth of bodily resurrection just because you don't fully understand how it will happen! (v. 35)
- 2) Only "fools" who are ignorant of God and the Bible will deny the truth of the bodily resurrection of the dead in Christ. (v. 36)
- 3) Death is a transition to a much better, more glorious, spiritual, and heavenly body like Christ's resurrected, glorified, exalted body!
- 4) Resurrection is a transformation that actually began the moment you were saved and should continue until the day you die to rise!