

This Week

Churchwide

Worship Services

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM

Bible Fellowships

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM

Small Groups

Community Groups

Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM at Various Locations

This Morning

Lesson 31: The Reality and Implications of Resurrection Life—1 Corinthians 15:35–58

Reggie Coe, Family Pastor

- I. The method and nature of the resurrection body of the believer—1 Corinthians 15:35–49.
 - A. The resurrection of the body follows the principle of agriculture that a seed must die before it rises to new life—1 Corinthians 15:35–39.
 - B. The resurrection body of the believer will be a glorious spiritual body free from decay, prepared for an eternal existence, like the resurrection body of Christ—1 Corinthians 15:40–49.
- II. The transformation of the earthly body into a glorified body—1 Corinthians 15:50–57.
 - A. A time will come for every believer in Christ when their earthly bodies will be transformed into a glorified body ready for eternity—1 Corinthians 15:50–51.
 - 1. For the church age believer, that transformation will happen at the rapture of the church—see 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18.
 - 2. This mystery was not revealed in the Hebrew scriptures but now is revealed—1 Corinthians 15:50–51.
 - 3. Since a perishable, mortal, physical body cannot inherit the eternal kingdom, it must be transformed into an imperishable, immortal body—1 Corinthians 15:52–53.
 - B. The end of the millennial kingdom will be the time Christ ushers in the eternal kingdom with the new heavens and the new earth—1 Corinthians 15:52–57.
 - 1. The result of preparing believers and bringing them into the eternal kingdom in glorified bodies will be the eradication of sin and death—1 Corinthians 15:54–57; see Revelation 21:1–4.
 - 2. Therefore, in the eternal kingdom, the resurrected Christ will completely defeat the enemies of sin and death. The resurrected Christ will deliver the kingdom to God and will vanquish death and rule over the universe.
- III. The motivation for the believer in light of the certainty of resurrection life—1 Corinthians 15:58.
 - A. This certainty provides a believer the focus to remain unwavering and resolute in one’s present devotion to Christ to invest in others’ lives.
 - B. This certainty provides the believer with the assurance that one’s work for the Lord has purpose and eternal value.

Discuss

These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning’s topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.

- 1. Why do you think our present bodies would not be suitable for eternity? Why must there must be a glorification process before we inherit the kingdom of God?
- 2. In verse 55, Paul describes the power of the resurrection when he cites Hosea when he writes “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” What images come to mind with these words? What emotions do they stir in your heart?
- 3. How does the coming resurrection of all believers and the glorification of those still living motivate you in your relationships? What does the time you invest in others mean in light of the resurrection?
- 4. How does the coming resurrection and glorification shape the way you think about your work and things in which you invest your time here in this life?

