

1Corinthians 15:35-58**MONDAY: Read 1Corinthians 15:35-58**

Which is the most interesting subject Paul discusses in this part of the chapter? Why? *Pray that you learn to depend on the Spirit for understanding and application of God's truths to change our lives.*

TUESDAY: Read 1Corinthians 15:35-39

In Paul's analogy, how is our body like the seed and not the plant that grows? Can you name the other two parts or elements of the whole person? Which part of a person is converted from sinner to saint – or justified at salvation? Which part undergoes transformation thru sanctification? Which part is planted? *Ask the Spirit to teach you about the truths of justification, sanctification & glorification.*

WEDNESDAY: Read 1Corinthians 15:40-41

How does Paul's analogy to the planets give greater insight into resurrection? How is the radiance of the sun different from the moon or stars? What aspects make the radiance of the stars vary? *Ask the Holy Spirit to help you let God's truth and love replace any fear you have associated with death.*

THURSDAY: Read 1Corinthians 15:42-49; John 20:16-21

Our days of association with the earthly man, Adam, are limited? What thoughts & feelings do you have about the glory of resurrection? What aspects of the heavenly man, Jesus, are you most excited about? What aspects of a resurrection being can we determine from Jesus' experience (Jn 20)? *Spend some time pondering the wonder of what it will be like to be a "heavenly man or woman" like Jesus!*

FRIDAY: Read 1Corinthians 15:50-58; 1Thessalonians 4:13-18

Do you think there is any chance that we might "miss" Christ's return? Does Paul express the same signs in both letters? Why do you think the victory of life in Christ is authenticated over death? *Pray that you (we) learn to trust Spirit to interpret the future events of God's Kingdom.*

SATURDAY: Read 1Corinthians 15

Now that you've studied the entire chapter, what was your favorite part? Which was the most important truth/concept? What verse best summarizes the whole chapter? *Ask the Spirit to answer the questions you still have – and be prepared to take notes!*

1CORINTHIANS 15:35-58 (NLT)

35) But someone may ask, “How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?” **36)** What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn’t grow into a plant unless it dies first. **37)** And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. **38)** Then God gives it the new body he wants it to have. A different plant grows from each kind of seed. **39)** Similarly there are different kinds of flesh—one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.

40) There are also bodies in the heavens and bodies on the earth. The glory of the heavenly bodies is different from the glory of the earthly bodies. **41)** The sun has one kind of glory, while the moon and stars each have another kind. And even the stars differ from each other in their glory.

42) It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. **43)** Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. **44)** They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.

45) The Scriptures tell us, “The first man, Adam, became a living person.” But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit. **46)** What comes first is the natural body, then the spiritual body comes later. **47)** Adam, the first man, was made from the dust of the earth, while Christ, the second man, came from heaven. **48)** Earthly people are like the earthly man, and heavenly people are like the heavenly man. **49)** Just as we are now like the earthly man, we will someday be like the heavenly man.

50) What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever.

51) But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! **52)** It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. **53)** For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. **54)** Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: “Death is swallowed up in victory. **55)** O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” **56)** For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. **57)** But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. **58)** So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.