

1 Corinthians 15:29-58 – The Nature of the Resurrected Body

Getting started: Based on your knowledge of Scripture, describe what you think our resurrected body will look like when we reach the other side.

Read vv. 29-34 Moral Implications of the Resurrection

1. What activity known in Paul's day demonstrated belief in resurrection? (v. 29). Was Paul legitimizing the practice of baptism from the dead? Why or why not?
2. What does Paul's facing jeopardy (in gospel ministry) indicate about the resurrection? (v. 30) Why does Paul boast ("protest by rejoicing") that he dies daily? (v. 31)
3. What do the remarks about fighting beasts in Ephesus or "eating and drinking" demonstrate? (v. 32)
4. In what ways had evil company corrupted the Corinthians thinking? What had this company led them into? (vv. 33-34)

Read vv. 35-50 Bodies of the Resurrected Dead

5. How does Paul differentiate between the present body and the resurrected body (vv. 35-37)? What kind of body is it? (v. 38)

6. Why does Paul point out the different kinds of flesh, of planetary bodies, and of the luminaries? Anything else? (vv. 39-42a)

7. List the qualities of the new resurrected body and provide a brief definition of each (vv. 42b-44).

8. List the characteristics that distinguish the first Adam from the last Adam (vv. 45-50). Whose image defines us in the resurrection?

First AdamLast Adam**Read vv. 51-58 Bodies of the Translated Living**

9. What does Paul mean when he says "we shall not all sleep"? (v. 51, c.f. 1 Thess. 4:14; 5:10) Who will be "changed" when the last trumpet sounds? (v. 52, c.f. 1 Thess 4:16-17) In what way will believers be changed? (v. 53) What comfort might we draw from this?
10. At what point will death be swallowed up in victory? (v. 54) What takes the sting out of death for believers? (v. 55-57)
11. How should knowledge of the resurrection motivate every Christian? (v. 58, c.f. v. 30)