

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

³⁵But someone will say, “How are the dead raised? What kind of body will they have when they come?” ³⁶Foolish one! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow—you are not sowing the future body, but only a seed, perhaps of wheat or another grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as He wants, and to each of the seeds its own body. ³⁹Not all flesh is the same flesh; there is one flesh for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is different from that of the earthly ones. ⁴¹There is a splendor of the sun, another of the moon, and another of the stars; for star differs from star in splendor. ⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead:

Sown in corruption, raised in incorruption;
⁴³sown in dishonor, raised in glory;
 sown in weakness, raised in power;
⁴⁴sown a natural body, raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵So it is written: The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit. ⁴⁶However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

⁴⁷The first man was from the earth and made of dust;
 the second man is from heaven.
⁴⁸Like the man made of dust, so are those who are made of dust;
 like the heavenly man, so are those who are heavenly.
⁴⁹And just as we have borne the image of the man made of dust,
 we will also bear the image of the heavenly man.

⁵⁰Brothers, I tell you this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, and corruption cannot

inherit incorruption. ⁵¹Listen! I am telling you a mystery:

We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,

⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed.

⁵³Because this corruptible must be clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal must be clothed with immortality.

⁵⁴Now when this corruptible is clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal is clothed with immortality, then the saying that is written will take place: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵O Death, where is your victory?
 O Death, where is your sting?

⁵⁶Now the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

⁵⁸Therefore, my dear brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord’s work, knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Revelation 21:1-8

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. ²I also saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

³Then I heard a loud voice from the throne:

Look! God’s dwelling is with men,
 and He will live with them.

They will be His people,
 and God Himself will be with them and be their God.

⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will exist no longer; grief, crying, and pain will exist no longer, because the previous things have passed away.

⁵Then the One seated on the throne said, “Look! I am making everything new.” He also said, “Write, because these words are faithful and true.”
⁶And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha

and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give to the thirsty from the spring of living water as a gift. ⁷The victor will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son. ⁸But the cowards, unbelievers, vile, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars—their share will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”