

1 Corinthians 15:24-58 - Christ Is Risen ii.

I. (24-28) Resolves all things.

The resurrected LORD helps us look forward to the time when all things are resolved; the universe is delivered back to her Maker, righteously reigns forever

“For now, God has granted a measure of rule and authority and power to men, to Satan, and even to death. But all that is temporary.”

***Revelation 11:15** - Then **the** seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “**The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!**”*

***Psalms 96:10** - Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously.”*

Satan and death will be eliminated.

***Revelation 20:10** - The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

***Revelation 20:14** - Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death*

If death is destroyed, why do Christians die? “Death since Jesus died is not a penal infliction upon the children of God: as such he has abolished it, and it can never be enforced. Why die the saints then? Why, because their bodies must be changed ere they can enter heaven... Saints die not now, but they are dissolved and depart.” (Spurgeon)

II. (29-34) Gives us courage.

The plain meaning of the original language is that some people are being baptized on behalf of those who have died. Paul’s point is “If there is no resurrection, why are they doing this? What is the point if there is no life after death?”

If there were no resurrection, why would Paul place his life in jeopardy for the gospel?

Paul was confronted by a violent protest against his Gospel in Acts 19:21-41.

“There is no way he would live like that unless there was a reward waiting for him in heaven.”

Matthew 19:27-29 - *Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. “And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.*

2 Corinthians 11:24-28 - *From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.*

Avoid the evil and corrupt company of the Greeks and cultures...

Hosea 10:12 - *Sow for yourselves righteousness; **Reap** in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.*

III. (35-57) Gives us another body.

How and with what body? There are different bodies, earthly and heavenly. There are differing planets with differing radiance.

Likewise, there are differing body types, earthly and heavenly; we’re sown earthly, we rise heavenly, corruptible to incorruptible, dishonor to honor, weakness to power, natural to supernatural.

The natural was created first, then Adam was given the supernatural, in the resurrection we go back to the second.

“Three glimpses of the body’s glory were seen, in Moses’ face, in Christ’s transfiguration, and in Stephen’s countenance.” (Trapp)

“The righteous are put into their graves all weary and worn; but as such they will not rise. They go there with the furrowed brow, the hollowed cheek, the wrinkled skin; they shall wake up in beauty and glory.” (Spurgeon)

The first perfect man, **Adam**, gave us one kind of body. The second perfect man, Jesus the **last Adam**, can give us another kind of body. He is a **life-giving spirit**.

We have all borne the image of the first **Adam**, and those who put their trust in the **last Adam** will also bear His resurrection image. From the first **Adam**, we all are **made of dust**, but from the **last Adam** we can be made **heavenly**. For believers, the promise is sure: **we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man**.

***Philippians 3:21** - Who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*

***1Thessalonians 4:16-18** - For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

The resurrection body of Jesus was material and could eat (Luke 24:39-43), yet it was not bound by the laws of nature (Luke 24:31, 24:36-37).

***John 11:25-26** - Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. “And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”*

Men and women today testify that the power of the risen Christ has transformed their lives. We know that Jesus is alive not only because of the historical and biblical evidence but also because He has miraculously touched our lives. Kurt E. DeHaan.

***Galatians 6:9-10** - And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*