

**“THE NEW SPIRITUAL BODY”**  
**1 Corinthians 15:35-52**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This section addresses our bodies in the future. There are two basic questions, 1) How are the bodies raised? and 2) What kind of body will they have? What is contained in this chapter may have come from Paul's interaction with the Sadducees. They did not believe in the resurrection and thought it to be foolish. Basically, these questions were born from skepticism and were not necessarily legitimate. Paul does respond to the Corinthians in their inquiry with some agricultural illustrations.

## **THE SEED**

Paul states that the seed is the perfect example to describe the answer of the resurrection body. He said that the seed must die in order to become alive. When you put the seed in the ground, at some point it ceases to be a seed. For instance, the pumpkin seed or bulb is actually ugly. The flower is gorgeous, however! Seeds are programmed for resurrection. Bury it and watch it come out new! Your new body will be nothing like it is now! How are the dead raised? God does it! There is one body for now and one for later!

## **CELESTIAL AND TERRESTRIAL**

Terrestrial bodies are those connected with the earth. Celestial bodies are those in the heavens, sun, moon, stars, etc. Great scientists of the past like Kepler, Galileo, Boyle and Newton all believed what **Romans 1** said when it says that the “wisdom of God is manifest”. They studied nature to learn the wisdom of God. They believed that nature was orderly because it came from the mind of God. Newton believed that the Holy Spirit kept things going. While the dominant world view is that material always existed and that we created God, Scripture says the opposite. In the beginning God created matter and shaped it.

With the shift of light in stars, it appears that they are moving away from us. Wind the clock backwards and it all goes back at the same point. The Scripture says that God is *stretching* the heavens. Look at what God is able to do!

## **SOWN AND RAISED**

Our bodies grow old, weak and dishonorable, (**see v. 42-44**). We are different than when we began. The late 20s and early 30s is the peak for men, and then we go downhill. Our new bodies will be raised in power. They will be in 100% agreement with the Spirit of God...spiritual bodies!

## **WHAT KIND OF BODY?**

This answers question 2, **v.45-50**. The first body is patterned after Adam; the new body is patterned after Jesus' resurrected body. He could walk through walls, eat food, walk, talk and ascend! We will bear His image, **v.49**.

## **CONSIDER**

There are 2 ways we can go, **v. 51-52**, either through death or the rapture. The trumpet mentioned here is not the last tribulation trumpet, but the one that marks the end of the age, the church age. See **Phil 3:20-21, 1 John 3:2**. In the future we will still maintain our old identity, but have new bodies. What an upgrade!

## **PRAY .....**

- \* That those in our local churches would embrace and desire all of God's Word!
- \* That our Resurrection service would draw even the most distant of souls to see Jesus as the risen Lord!
- \* That we would live as if we could be joined with the Lord at any moment.