

# Studies In First Corinthians

## (I Corinthians 15:35-58)

1. Can we expect that people will question how a person can be raised from the dead?

Yes: *“But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come” (I Corinthians 15:35)?*

- The dead are raised through the power of God (**John 6:39-40, John 11:25, I Corinthians 6:14, and Ephesians 1:19-20**).
- As we shall discuss in the coming verses, we will be given a new body (**Philippians 3:20-21 and I John 3:2**).

2. What analogy did Paul use to explain how the body dies and raises in a changed form?

How a seed is planted and dies to become something else: *“(36) Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: (37) And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: (38) But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body” (I Corinthians 15:36-38).*

- First, we should consider that such doubters are foolish (**Luke 24:25**).
- The seed has to die to bring forth fruit (**John 12:24**).
- **Mark 4:26-29**.

3. Shouldn't we realize that there are different types of flesh and different types of bodies?

Yes: *“(39) All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. (40) There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. (41) There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory” (I Corinthians 15:39-41).*

- Such is how God created everything – different (**Genesis 1:20-27**).
- There is even a difference between the lights in sky (**Genesis 1:14**).

4. What will be the main difference between your body now and your body when the resurrection occurs?

Now you are fleshly then you shall be spiritual: *“(42) So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: (43) It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: (44) It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. (45) And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. (46) Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is*

*natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. (47) The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. (48) As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. (49) And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly” (I Corinthians 15:42-49).*

- Your physical body is perishable (**Genesis 3:19, Job 34:15, Ecclesiastes 3:20, Ecclesiastes 12:7, and James 2:26**).
- Your spiritual body will not be perishable (**II Corinthians 4:16-5:1**), as you will live in that body for all eternity (**I John 5:11-13**).

5. What cannot inherit the kingdom of God?

Flesh & blood: *“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption” (I Corinthians 15:50).*

- A spiritual body does not have flesh and blood (**Luke 24:39**).

6. Will anyone remain dead at the coming of Christ?

No: *“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed” (I Corinthians 15:51).*

- **John 5:28-29** and **I Thessalonians 4:13-18**.

7. How long will it take for the Resurrection Day to take effect?

A moment: *“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed” (I Corinthians 15:52).*

- At the sound of the trumpet (**I Thessalonians 4:16**) the Lord will come as a thief in the night (**II Peter 3:10-14**). You’ll not have time to do anything in preparation (**Matthew 24:42-51**).

8. When will death be swallowed up in victory?

When our bodies become incorruptible in the Resurrection: *“(53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. (54) So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory” (I Corinthians 15:53-54).*

- **Luke 20:36** and **Hebrews 2:10-15**.

9. For this question, answer this verse: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory" (I Corinthians 15:55)?

A. The sting of death: *"The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law"* (I Corinthians 15:56).

- Romans 5:17 and Romans 6:23.

B. The victory is Christ: *"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (I Corinthians 15:57).

- Romans 8:37 and I John 5:4-5.

10. Should we be easily swayed from our service to the Lord?

No: *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord"* (I Corinthians 15:58).

- Be steadfast, unmoveable (Proverbs 4:25-27, Ephesians 4:14, Hebrews 3:14, Hebrews 10:23, and Hebrews 12:1-3).
- Always abounding in the work of the Lord (Ephesians 2:10, Colossians 1:10, Colossians 1:23, Titus 2:11-14, Titus 3:8, and Titus 3:14).
- Your labor is not in vain (Galatians 6:7-9 and Hebrews 6:10-12).