

Death to Victory

1 Corinthians 15.35-58

INTRODUCTION

Theme: The resurrection is a fact and whether we understand how or any of the details doesn't change what God has planned, and this fact should serve to strengthen our faith and resolve to work for the Lord.

1. The _____.

a) Not just a _____ question, but a _____ challenge.

b) Paul's simple and direct answer – don't be _____.

- Hodge: "To doubt the fact of the resurrection because we cannot understand the process is, as the apostle says, a proof of folly."

2. The _____.

a) Plants.

- The seed _____.

- Seed is vastly _____ from the mature plant.

- Hodge: "Nature itself, therefore, teaches that there is no force in the argument that the future body must be like the present."

b) Animals.

- Examples of God's _____ power.

c) Heavenly bodies.

- The heavenly are different from the earthly, each with a unique _____

d) The real _____ to the question comes in verse 38:

- **38** But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own.

3. The _____.

- Perishable – Imperishable.

- **perishable**
- **imperishable**

- Dishonor – Glory.

- **Dishonor**
- **Glory**
- Weakness – Power.
 - **Weakness**
 - **Power**
- Natural – Spiritual.
 - **Natural**
 - **Spiritual**

b) How does this happen?

- Natural – _____ – a living soul.
- Spiritual – _____ – a life giving spirit.
 - **John 5:21, John 6:57, Romans 8:2, Philippians 3:20-21**

4. The Victory.

a) First Paul gives them the _____: our natural flesh and blood – not suited for heaven and eternity.

b) The _____ – some will not die before they receive their resurrected bodies.

c) Death is _____ – Christ has _____.

5. The _____.

a) We are to serve Him by being:

- _____.
- _____.
- _____.