

Bodily Resurrection, Boldly Resolute

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Book Theme: Correction and Condemnation

LESSON THEME: Just as Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, all Christians will be raised in perfect resurrection bodies. This truth should spur us on to continue serving the Lord with boldness.

THEME VERSE: 1 Corinthians 15:58 - Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

I. Paul's Orientation and Warning (v. 31-34)

- A. Orientation: Paul uses the circumstances of his own life to demonstrate his sure hope in the resurrection.
- B. Warning: Flee teachers who deny the truth of the resurrection.

II. Paul's Proposed Objection (v. 35-36a) –

“How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body?”

III. Paul's Illustrated Argument (v. 36b-49)

- A. God, in His creative power, will raise us fit for a heavenly existence.
 - Seed v. Mature Plant (v. 37-38)
 - Human v. Animal Flesh (v. 39)
 - Heavenly v. Earthly Bodies (v. 40-41)

B. The body that is sown differs from the body that is raised.

<u>SOWN</u>		<u>RAISED</u>
Perishable	→	Imperishable (v. 42)
Dishonor	→	Glory (v. 43)
Weakness	→	Power (v. 43)
Natural	→	Spiritual (v. 44)

C. Believers, who are born in the image of Adam, will be raised in the image of Christ.

IV. Paul's Enlightening Explanation (v. 50-57)

A. The Change is Essential. Human Bodies are Not Fit for Heaven. (v. 50-51)

B. The Change Will Be Sudden. (v. 52)

C. The Change Will be Complete. (v. 52-53)

D. The Change Will be Victorious. (v. 54-57)

V. Paul's Confident Exhortation

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

A. Believers Should be Persistent.

B. Believers Should be Productive.

C. Believers Should be Poised.

APPLICATION:

1. Recognize that our hope (certainty) is in the risen savior Jesus Christ. To hope in anything else is worthless.
2. Rehearse the truth of the resurrection and let it nourish you so that you remain steadfast.
3. We know how the story ends but we don't know when it ends. Share the Gospel today! Your labor is not in vain.
4. Let you're the aches in your body and the weeds in your garden remind you that a day is coming when you will put on a new resurrection body.