

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION-#3
1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-58

Introduction

For several weeks now we have been considering various things in regards to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and the resurrection of Believers.

We have seen something of the order that God's people will come forth in at the resurrection of the just.

There is a particular order that God has prescribed for Believers of this age, Old Testament saints, and Tribulation and Millennial saints.

In this message we will look at the bodies that we will have in eternity. Finally we will deal with the practical admonition to be faithful in laboring for the Lord because we will be raised to give an account.

I. THE MANNER OF THE RESURRECTION. (15:35-57)

A. The Resurrection Is Illustrated By Various Types Of Life In Nature. 15:35-41

1. The question is proposed as to what type of resurrection body there will be. 15:35
2. Death must precede life. 15:36
3. The illustration of plant life. 15:37-38
 - a. Grain that is sown brings forth a different kind of body. 15:37
 - b. God gives each seed an appropriate body. 15:38
4. There are various types of animal flesh. 15:39
5. There are various types of geological bodies. 15:40-41

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B. Earthly Bodies Must Be Changed. 15:42-50

1. They are sown in corruption but raised in incorruption. 15:42
2. They are sown in dishonor but raised in glory. 15:43a
3. They are sown in weakness but raise in power. 15:43b
4. They are sown natural but raised spiritual. 15:44
5. They are sown in the likeness of the 1st Adam but raised in the likeness of the 2nd Adam. 15:45-49
6. Death is a necessity for change. 15:50

C. Resurrection By Rapture. 15:51-53

1. The mystery of Believers who will not die is set forth. 15:51
2. The call of the last trump for the believing dead. 15:52
3. Changes to be affected by the Rapture. 15:53

D. The Resurrection Defeats Death. 15:54-57

1. Death will be swallowed up in victory. 15:54
2. The sting of death has been defeated. 15:55-56
3. Victory is wrought in Christ. 15:57

II. THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE RESURRECTION TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE. (15:58)

E. A Believer's Labor Is Not In Vain In The Lord.
(Hebrews 6:9-12)

A. "Therefore," Refers Back To The Resurrection.

B. The Corinthians Are Called "*Beloved Brethren.*"
(1 John 2:7-10, 28; 3:14,16, 23)

C. They Are To Be "*Steadfast*" And "*Unmovable.*"

1. "*Steadfast*" speaks of having personal convictions.
Colossians 1:28—"Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:"

2 John 9—"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

2. "*Unmovable*" speaks of not being moved by others.
Ephesians 4:14—"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;"

D. They Are To Be "*Always Abounding.*"

1. They are to be going beyond. i.e. Without limits.
2. They are to be involved deeply in the work of the Lord.
Ephesians 2:10—"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Conclusion

So, the resurrection is the capstone of Christianity.

It is the proof offered by the Lord as to His claims when He was here on earth.

It is well established.

It is reason to give serious consideration to the matter of salvation.

It is reason to give serious consideration to the matter of Christian living.

Are you seriously considering its relationship to you personally??