

Paul's First Letter to  
the Corinthians

# FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

*<sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.*

*1 Corinthians 15:52*

## Class Time

- Prayer Requests
- Scripture Reading and Key Verse – 1st Corinthians 15:35-58
- Class Discussion:
- Outline and Lesson

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup> You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup> For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup> There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup> There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup> So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup> I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup> “O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

## Key Verse

<sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

**Discussion  
Question #1**

In 15:35-42 Paul rebukes the skeptics and explains how the resurrection of the dead works. What does he compare it to? What are several other examples he uses from nature to explain the resurrection? What do these analogies say about the power and sovereignty of God?



**Discussion  
Question #2**

Paul continues to illustrate the resurrection of the dead by giving another analogy in vv 42-49. What is this analogy? What does it tell us about 1) the before and after of resurrection and 2) the final outcome for us?

<u>Verse</u>	<u>Earthly Bodies</u>	<u>Resurrection Bodies</u>
v42	Perishable	Imperishable
v43a	Exist in dishonor	Raised in glory
v43b	Exist in weakness	Raised in power
v44	Natural	Spiritual
vv45, 47	First Adam a living being, from the earth	Last Adam (Christ) a life-giving spirit, from heaven
vv48, 49	Those who are of earth bear the image of the man of dust	Those who are of heaven shall bear the image of the man of heaven
vv53, 54	Mortal	Immortal

**Discussion  
Question #3**

In vv 50-58, what is the mystery? What is the victory?

**I. The Resurrection Body 15:35-49**

- A. Inquiry from skeptics v35
- B. Rebuke from Paul v36
- C. Analogy from nature vv37-41
  - 1. Seed vv37-38
  - 2. Flesh v39
  - 3. Universe vv40-41
- D. Analogy of Adam vv 42-49
  - 1. Description of the resurrected body vv42-44
    - a. Imperishable v42
    - b. Glorious v43a
    - c. Powerful v43b
    - d. Spiritual v44

- 2. Portrayal of the second man vv45-49
  - a. a spiritual man, not natural vv45-46
  - b. a heavenly man, not earthly vv47-49

**II. The Victory over Death 15:50-58**

- A. Impossible inheritance v50
- B. Glorious mystery vv51-53
- C. Magnificent result vv54-57
- D. Appropriate exhortation v58