

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

What's Wrong With You?

What's God going to do about it?

I Corinthians 15:35-58

Vs. 35, But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?"

- *Apparently, this is being asked by some. How does Paul respond?*

Vs. 36, Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies.

- *This is a harsh term of blunt confrontation, even a sharp rebuke! (Mindless, stupid, ignorant...)*
- *Paul seems to think they ought to have known this*

No doubt, he had taught them the words of Christ (Matt. 28:18-20)

- **John 12:24**, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain." (*Speaking of His life & ours*)
- *It should have been common knowledge among Christ's followers (Luke 12:47-48)*

Hebrews 5:12 & 6:1, For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the sayings of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food... Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation

- *The Corinthian's lack was not uncommon – then & now*

Though they lived in a big city, there were no Supermarkets with shiny produce departments

- *They lived in an agrarian, craftsman culture. No Safeway, Walmart or Amazon*

Vs. 37, And what you sow, **you do not sow that body that shall be**, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain.

What comes up from dropping a single kernel of corn in the ground?

- *A tall stalk with many ears of corn, each containing hundreds of kernels*

Vs. 38-41, All manner of animate & inanimate bodies populate God's creation

Vs. 42-44, So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is **sown in corruption**, it is **raised in incorruption**. It is **sown in dishonor**, it is **raised in glory**. It is **sown in weakness**, it is **raised in power**. It is **sown a natural body**, it is **raised a spiritual body**. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Vs. 45-46, And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. **However, the spiritual is not first**, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

Vs. 47-48, The first man was of the earth, made of dust; **the second Man is the Lord from heaven**. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and **as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly**.

John 3:5-6, Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

Vs. 49-50, And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we **shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man**. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; **nor does corruption inherit incorruption**.

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God's promise of becoming the perfect body He provides at Christ's return

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Romans 8:29, For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

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What do our bodies possess?

- Corruption, dishonor & earthly weakness

What does His resurrected body provide?

- Incorruption, glory & heavenly power

We possess it in our hearts, minds & spirits now

- We **become the fullness of it** body, mind, soul & spirit **when He returns**

Hebrews 11:13, These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

How much have we so identified as heirs of the first Adam...

- That we don't really identify with the second Adam?

II Corinthians 5:17, Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

What's wrong with your body?

- Not what don't you like about it.
- What's **WRONG** with it?
- Injury, disease, deformity, major or minor
- Teeth, eyes, hearing, un-coordination...
- Age degeneration, anything, everything

What have you complained about or been dissatisfied with in it?

- **GONE**, non-existent... forever **in the resurrection!!**

*We exchange **everything we're not** – for **everything He is!***

- We exchange **the shame of Adam** we hide...
- For **the perfect freedom of who He is!**

Is that worth looking forward to in the absolute confidence of faith?

- *Is God telling the truth?*
- *Do you believe Him?*

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What is most important?

- *What you don't have now?*
- *Or what you will have **FOREVER!!!***
- *Which one will most influence **your daily life?***

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What's wrong with your spirit, your heart, your mind, your attitude & relationships?

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Can we "hope" for better? Why?

- *Why not now?*
- ***Hebrews 11:13***

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Those who have died in Christ will be united with their perfected whole person!

- *But **not everyone will die***

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Vs. 51-54, Behold, I tell you a mystery: **We shall not all sleep**, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**. For the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." (**Isaiah 25:8**)

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I Thessalonians 4:15-17, For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that **we who are alive and remain** until the coming of the Lord **will by no means precede those who are asleep**. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. **And the dead in Christ will rise first**. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

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Vs. 55-58, "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" (**Hosea 13:14**)

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**.

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.