

Paul's Epistle of

1st CORINTHIANS

Chapter 15b



Outline

I. Introduction (1:1- 9)

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- A. Problem of Factionalism (1:10 – 3:23)
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- D. Taking Problems between Brethren to Civil Courts (6:1-11)
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III. Dealing with Questions Asked by the Corinthians (7:1 – 16:9)

- A. “Now Concerning” – Marriage and Present Distress
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- C. “Now... Remember Me” and Apostolic Tradition
 - 1. Submission and Customs (11:2-16)
 - 2. Pattern for Lord’s Supper (11:17-34)
- D. “Now Concerning” – Spiritual Gifts (12:1 – 14:40)
- E. “Now...” Concerning – The Resurrection (15:1-58)
- F. “Now Concerning” – The Collection (16:1-9)

IV. Concluding Remarks (16:10-24)

Examining the Context of 1 Corinthians 15:1-58

I. THE RESURRECTION: PROCLAIMED IN THE GOSPEL (1-11)

A. THE GOSPEL IN RELATION TO THE CORINTHIANS (1-2)

1. Paul proclaimed it and they received it (1)
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B. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GOSPEL (3-8)

1. Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures (3)
2. He was buried and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures (4)
3. He was seen by many eyewitnesses (5-7)
4. He was seen by Paul himself, who by the grace of God was able to preach the gospel (8-10)
5. Such was the gospel preached, and the Corinthians had believed it (11)

II. THE RESURRECTION: VERIFIED BY THE APOSTLE PAUL (12-34)

A. CONSEQUENCES IF THERE IS NO RESURRECTION (12-19)

1. Christ is not risen from the dead (**12-13**)
2. The apostles' preaching and the Corinthians' faith is vain (**14**)
3. The apostles are false witnesses (**15-16**)
4. They are still in their sins (**17**)
5. Those who have died in Christ have perished (**18**)
6. Those who hope in Christ are the most pitiable of all men (**19**)

B. CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AND OUR RESURRECTION (20-28)

1. Christ is the "firstfruits" (**20**)
2. As in Adam all die, so in Christ all shall be made alive (**21-22**)
3. A brief description as to when this will occur (**23-28**)
 - a. At the coming of Christ (**23**)
 - b. This will be the end, when Christ delivers the kingdom to God (**24-28**)
 - 1) When He has put an end to all rule, authority and power (**24**)
 - 2) For Christ must reign till God has put all enemies under His feet (**25**)
 - 3) The last enemy being death itself (**26**)
 - 4) When all is made subject to Christ, the Son will also be subject to Him Who put all things under Him (**27-28**)

C. ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTS FOR THE RESURRECTION, WITH A WARNING (29-34)

1. If Christ was not raised, why are those baptized (into Christ) for one who is still dead? (**29**)
2. Why do the apostles and others suffer harsh persecution if there is no resurrection? (**30-32**)
3. Beware of evil influence and those who do not have the knowledge of God (**33-34**)

III. THE RESURRECTION: DESCRIBED BY PAUL (35-58)

A. IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: "WITH WHAT BODY DO THEY COME?" (35-49)

1. It will be different from the one sown, just as the plant is different from the seed (35-38)
2. Illustrations of the different types of bodies in the physical world (39-41)
 - a. Differing kinds of flesh – man, animals, fish, birds (39)
 - b. Differing kinds of bodies – celestial and terrestrial (40a)
 - c. Differing degrees of glory – sun, moon and stars (40b-41)
3. Thus the resurrected body will be different from the physical body, though it is the same as the one sown (42-49)
 - a. The weak, dishonorable, corruptible body will be raised in incorruption, glory and power (42-43)
 - b. The natural body, patterned after the first Adam, will be raised a spiritual body patterned after the Last Adam (44-46)
 - c. Those who have borne the image of the man of dust from the earth, will one day bear the image of the Man of heaven (47-49)

B. IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: "HOW ARE THE DEAD RAISED UP" (**50-58**)

1. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does corruption inherit incorruption (**50**)
2. The mystery of the resurrection as revealed by Paul (**51-57**
 - a. All shall be changed, whether dead or alive (**51**)
 - b. It will occur in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet (**52**)
 - c. The corruptible, mortal man will put on incorruption and immortality, and we will be victorious over death through Jesus Christ our Lord (**53-57**)
3. A final exhortation to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord (**58**)

Questions

13. To what does Paul liken the new body that we will have after our resurrection from the dead? _____
14. “So also is the _____ of the dead. The _____ is sown in _____, it is raised in _____. ”
15. Which is first – the natural body or the spiritual body? _____
16. What does it mean that “flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God”? _____
17. What is the “sting” of death and how is it overcome in Christ? _____
18. Why must we be “steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord”? _____

Questions

Thought Question: What will be changed at the last coming of Christ? Give a description of what will occur at that time from this and other passages about the final coming of Christ in Judgment.

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