



Faith Missionary Baptist Church

BIBLE STUDY

[Tuesday & Wednesday]

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LESSON 15

Know That After Death Comes The Resurrection Pt. 2

1 Cor. 15:35-47,51-58

INTRODUCTION

The resurrection of believers and unbelievers will be the most spectacular and mysterious event that mankind has ever seen. It will be quick-in a moment in the twinkling of an eye. To our natural eyes it would seem impossible that these decayed bodies of ours will be raised from the grave. However, if you look at how seeds die and come back to life, it is not that hard to see. You see, we are immortal beings. We are much more than flesh and blood. We are spirit and soul beings who live inside a body which is only a temporary shell.

If mankind had never sinned against God, we would not have had to die in the first place. Through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ God's original plan will still be carried out. Mankind will live forever. We are all going to live forever whether we are believers or unbelievers. The question is, where will live forever? Will it be in Heaven or in Hell? The answer to this question, rests on everyone. God has provided the remedy-His name is Jesus. Accept him and live forever in Heaven. Reject him and live forever in Hell. It is a matter of choice. In our lesson today we are going to take a close look at what the Bible says about the resurrection of believers and unbelievers.

1st Reading-Corinthians 15:35-37.....Building A Case For The Christians Resurrection

- A. Question: How will the dead be raised?
- B. Question: What kind of body will it be?
- C. You fool, don't you know?
- D. Natural illustrations: seeds must die before they come to life. See John 12:24
- F. Sprouts that come up take on a different *form* from the seed planted.

2nd Reading-1Corinthians 15:38-41.....God Determines What The Body Will Look Like

- A. God arranges the resurrection body
- B. Humans, animals, birds, and fish flesh are all different kinds of flesh.
- C. Everything in heaven (Celestial) has a body, so does everything on earth (Terrestrial)
- D. The *celestial* bodies and the *terrestrial* bodies are different.
- E. The sun is not like the moon.
- F. The moon is not like the stars.

3rd Reading- 1 Corinthians 15:42-44.....The Body Must Die Before It Can Be Raised

- A. Our bodies will die like the seed that is planted.
- B. Our bodies will be raised to live forever.
- C. These ugly, weak, and frail bodies will be beautiful and strong.
- D. As sure as there are *physical* bodies there will be *spiritual* bodies

4th Reading-1 Corinthians 15:45-47.....Traits Of The First Adam and Jesus The Second Adam

- A. The 1st Adam was a living person.
- B. Jesus, the last Adam is a life-giving spirit.
- C. Jesus the man with the spiritual body came last.
- D. The first Adam was made from the dust of the earth.
- E. Jesus, the 2nd Adam came down from heaven. See John 6:51

5th Reading- 1 Corinthians 15:48-49.....Christians Will Make The Transition From The Earthly To The Heavenly

- A. Those who belong to the earth are like Adam.
- B. Those from heaven are like the one who came from heaven-Jesus
- C. As we (*believers*) are in the likeness of Adam so we will be in the likeness of Jesus

5th Reading-1 Corinthians 15:50-52.....Let Me Make It Plain Brothers And Sisters

- A. Brethren-Typical Pauline word of Christian love.
- B. Earthly bodies cannot get into heaven.
- C. Corruption cannot inherit incorruption.
- D. Shu....I have a secret (Mystery)
- E. Everyone will not die but will be changed.
- F. **Question:** How will we be changed?
- G. **Reply:** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye(instantly)
- H. When?
- I. At the last trump-a loud call for the dead
- J. The trumpet shall sound – Unclear -Who? What? When? How?

6th Reading-1 Corinthians 15:53-54.....Take Off The Old Suit And Put On A Brand New One

- A. This corruption (earthly body) must put on incorruption (a spiritual body)
- B. Mortal must put on immortality (The Final change for eternity)
- C. When this change takes place death as we know it will die.

7th Reading-1 Corinthians 15:55-57.....Christians Have Victory Over Death

- A. Dialogue with Death: O death where is your sting? O grave where is your victory?
- B. Death is empowered by sin.
- C. Sin is empowered by the Law.
- D. Thank God for the victory through Jesus Christ.

8th Reading-1 Corinthians 15:58.....Stand Firm In Hope And Service

- A. Therefore-transition word, a bridge for all that has been said before.
- B. My beloved brethren-Phrase of endearment.
- C. Be steadfast-firm, strong.
- D. Un-moveable- stable, not shifty
- E. Always abounding- increasing, growing
- F. In the word of the Lord
- G. Forasmuch-seeing that or since. A transition word.
- H. Your labor is not in vain in the Lord (Reward time)

Spiritual Applications of The Lesson

1. Christians can rejoice that death is not the end.
2. Death the last enemy will one day be destroyed.
3. Christians must be steadfast and un-moveable.
4. Christians will one day go through the final change.
5. We do not know all the details of the resurrection; but we wait with great anticipation.
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9. _____

***Death, Be Not Proud* by John Donne**

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,
And soonest our best men with thee do go,
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?
One short sleep past, we wake eternally
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.

MEMORY VERSES: “Behold, I shew 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 trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” -----1 Corinthians 15:51-52

