

Sermon Notes, October 25, 2020
Your New and Improved Edition

Series: "Heaven on our Minds" Part 2 of 3
1 Corinthians 15:35-49, Pastor Mark Friz

Preface. March 13, 1994 . . . "Now, son, we come to an even harder part."

Series Review.

1. 10/11: The _____ Heaven, or the Present Heaven.

- . . . the place where Christians go when they die,
- . . . the place where we wait for the resurrection,
- . . . the place where we wait for the second coming of Christ, and
- . . . those who have gone before are watching and cheering us on!

2. 11/1: The New _____ and New _____.

- . . . heaven will descend to earth,
- . . . earth will be renewed and revived, and
- . . . "Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one."

3. TODAY: Our Resurrection _____.

- . . . the trumpet will sound (1 Thessalonians 4),
- . . . the dead in Christ will rise,
- . . . we receive "Our New and Improved Edition!"
- . . . This is something to be excited about!

1 Corinthians 15:35-49, "The Resurrection Body."

[35] But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" [36] You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. [37] And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. [38] But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. [39] For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. [40] 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. [41] 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.

[42] So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. [43] It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. [44] It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. [45] Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. [46] But

it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. [47] The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. [48] 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. [49] Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. (ESV)

Our Bodies are _____ Creations.

1. _____ bones
2. _____ muscles
3. brain, heart, lungs, kidneys, digestive organs
4. complex networks of veins, arteries, nerves and glands

Even So, Our Bodies are in a Constant State of _____.

“He himself is quite well, sir, quite well. But the house in which he lives at the present is becoming dilapidated. It is tottering upon its foundation. Time and the seasons have almost destroyed it. Its roof is pretty well worn, its walls are much shattered, and it crumbles a little bit more with every wind. The old tenement is becoming almost uninhabitable, and I think John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it soon; but he himself is well, sir, quite well!”

—J. Q. Adams, age 80

Each day, more than _____ people die.

The Difference Between the _____ and the _____.

1. The Destiny of the Soul. At death, the _____ of the believer immediately goes to heaven.

(2 Cor 5:1 NIV) *Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.*

(John 14:1-2) *“Let now your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?”*

2. The Destiny of the Body.

“The Greek thinkers thought of the body as the greatest handicap to the attainment of true knowledge and true goodness. . . The one thing they aimed at was the destruction of the body.” —Wm. Barclay

In many eastern religions, a person eventually becomes dissatisfied with life in the body.

Christianity will have _____ to do with this type of thinking!

At the resurrection, the _____ of the believer is transformed into a new and improved edition!

The Planting Process.

... a lesson from the giant sequoia.

FAQ'S ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN'S RESURRECTION BODY

(1 Cor 15:35 ESV) *But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"*

- 1. Will our new bodies be subject to disease or decay?** (Vs. 42: *What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.*)

- 2. Will we still be tempted to sin in our new bodies?** (Vs. 43: *It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory.*)

- 3. Will our new bodies grow weary?** (Vs. 43: *It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.*)

- 4. Will our new bodies be limited by physical boundaries?** (Vs. 44: *It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.*)

The spiritual body is a "body of flesh completely dominated by the Spirit's powers, living in space and time and yet not enslaved to present laws of space and time."

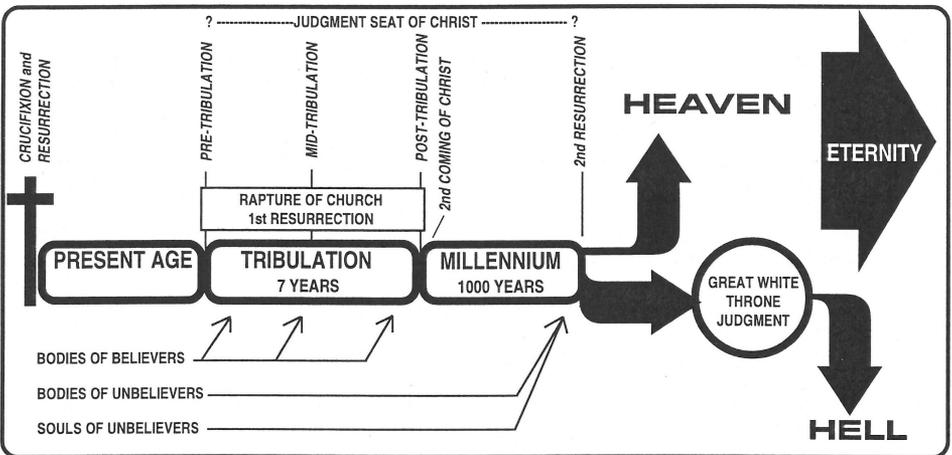
—Prof. J. A. Schep

5. **Where will we live in our new bodies?** (Vs. 48 NIV: *as was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.*):

6. **Who will our new bodies resemble?** (Vs. 49 NIV: *Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust [Adam], we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven [Jesus].*):

7. **What will our new bodies be made of?** (Luke 24:39 NIV: *“Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”*)

8. **When will be get our new bodies?** (Vss. 51-53 ESV: *Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, [52] 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**. [53] For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.*)



Conclusion:

“As we grow older, we become like old cars—more and more repairs are necessary. We must look forward to the fine new machines which are waiting for us in the Divine garage!”

—C. S. Lewis in *Letters to an American Lady*