

# 1 Corinthians 15 and the Resurrection

Part 4 - How are the Dead Raised? - 15:35-49

# Questions Concerning the Resurrection

15:35

- The Corinthians presented objections to the resurrection in the form of questions.
- How are the dead raised?
  - Our bodies return to dust - Gen. 3:19
  - How can such be reformed and raised to life?
- With what kind of body do they come?
- Because some could not understand the **how**, they rejected the **what**.

# **Sowing/Reaping and the Resurrection** - 15:36-38

- Paul's reaction to their human reason—You fool! - 15:36
- They were foolish in denying God's ability to do to humans what He does to seed - 15:36
- The "what body?" question is answered in how the seed sown does not resemble the body it produces - 15:37-38; Gen. 1:12

# Differing Flesh and the Resurrection – 15:39

- Every creature whether human, fish, bird, or beast has been given a body suitable for its environment.
  - Fish are wonderfully designed to exist in water but are not built to live in the air as do birds.
  - We may not understand the design, but they thrive just the same!
- Why would it be thought impossible for God to raise up our bodies in the form needed for eternity?

# Differing Glories and the Resurrection

15:40-41

- Glory means brightness, splendor, radiance
- Heavenly bodies have their glory, while earthly bodies have theirs - 15:40
- There are differing glories in the heavenly bodies - 15:41
- If God can apportion the proper glory to all created things, can He not give us a glorious body fit for heaven?

**"So also is  
the  
Resurrection  
from the  
dead"**

15:42-49

- The differences in our bodies we sow and our *resurrected* bodies - 15:42-44
  - Sown perishable, raised imperishable
  - Sown in dishonor, raised in glory
  - Sown in weakness, raised in power
  - Sown as natural, raised as spiritual
- The physical body proves the spiritual body will follow - 15:44-49; Phil. 3:20-21