

FBC Davis

Series: This Changes Everything (I Corinthians 15)

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“The Avalanche in the Alps”: Three Contradictions That the New “Soma” Solves (I Cor. 15:35-49)

I Cor. 15:35 But someone will ask, “**How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?**” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And 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. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There 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. ⁴¹There 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. ⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is **raised is imperishable**. ⁴³It is **sown in dishonor**; it is **raised in glory**. It is **sown in weakness**; it is **raised in power**. ⁴⁴It is **sown a natural body**; it is **raised a spiritual body**. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As 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. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

A Wild and *Maybe* Unwanted Ride

The “This Changes Everything” Series So Far: A Nice and Level One-Minute Flyover

To “**reign**” is, in the Messiah’s own self-effacing manner, and by the Messiah’s own Spirit, to devote one’s best energies to the good of others through practical, protective, or creative love.

The Question Paul Turns To: What Will the Resurrection *Body* be Like?

Three Maddening Contradictions at the Heart of Human Existence

1. CONTRADICTION 1: Our dreams are often _____ by our incapacities.
2. CONTRADICTION 2: Our desire for radiance is _____ by the mirror.
3. CONTRADICTION 3: Our wonder in the world is _____ by scarcity.

The Resurrection Body: Three Features (and the Contradictions They Unfurl)

1. The new body will be _____.

1Cor. 15:43b ...It is sown in *weakness* [Gk: "*astheneia*"; it is raised in *power* [Gk: "*dunamis*".

1Cor. 15:44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a *spiritual body* [*physical*, but fully "*Spirit-ized*"!]

"*Astheneia*": Weakness; inability to function as effectively as one might wish.

2. The new body will be _____.

1Cor. 15:43a It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in *glory* [Gk: "*doxa*".

"*Doxa*": Shining; Brightness; Splendor

Phil. 3:21 [Jesus] will transform our *lowly body* [Gk: "*the body of our humiliation*"] to be like his glorious body...

1Cor. 15:42 ...What is sown is perishable; what is raised is *imperishable*.

3. The new body will be _____ - _____ into a "*wonders-for-the-taking*" world.

Rev. 21:26 They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

Is. 65:22b ...for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall *long enjoy* [Hb: "*wear out*," meaning, "*enjoy to the full*"] the work of their hands.

Is. 65:22a They shall *not* build and *another* inhabit; they shall *not* plant and *another* eat;

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