



The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Extra Study on Resurrection

WHAT IS MAN ORIGINALLY COMPOSED OF?

▶ What does the Bible say happened at the creation of man?

▶ What is the body made of?

▶ What makes our spirit different from the spirits of other creatures?

▶ So man is composed of two elements...

▶ Flesh

▶ Spirit made in the image of God

▶ What happens to the body, when the spirit leaves the body? (Genesis 35:18)

▶ So what makes us “alive”?

▶ What makes us “dead”?

▶ Where do the spirits of the dead go?

Gen. 1:26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Gen. 2:7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Luke 16:19 “Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day. 20 “And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, 21 and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man’s table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. 22 “Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. 23 “In

- ▶ What can we know about Hades?

Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and *saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 “And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.’ 25 “But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 ‘And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.’

- ▶ Did Jesus go to this place?

1Pet. 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; 19 in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, 20 who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark...

BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO JESUS?

- ▶ In what form was He raised? Was He spirit only?

- ▶ What are some of the evidences that He had a body?

- ▶ He could be touched

Luke 24:39 “See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” 40 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

- ▶ He could eat food

Luke 24:41 While they still could not believe it because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42 They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish; 43 and He took it and ate it before them.

- ▶ Was His former body different from His resurrection body?

- ▶ In what way(s)? What do the Gospels tell us?

Rom. 6:9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

SO WHAT?

- ▶ Jesus is called the “_____ from among the _____” (Col. 1:18)

Col. 1:18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

▶ What does this tell us about our own resurrection?

▶ See also Phil. 3:20,21 / 1 John 3:2

▶ What do we specifically see happening in Rev. 20:13?

▶ What does this mean in simpler terms

1Cor. 15:48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

Rev. 20: 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

SO THEN, WHAT IS THE RESURRECTION BODY LIKE? 1 COR. 15:35FF

▶ What are the questions?

▶ _____ are the dead raised?

▶ And with what _____ of _____ do they come?

▶ The first response and illustration (v. 36) is probably directed at the first question, “How?” The answer is the same as how God brings life from the dead seed — His great power.

▶ The seed comparison is continued...

▶ Does the seed look like the full-grown plant?

▶ What does this say about the similarities or connections between the physical body and the resurrection body?

▶ Who decides the form of the resurrection body?

▶ Paul’s second illustration: there are different kinds of _____.

▶ What is Paul’s point?

▶ Will our resurrection body (substance) be just like our physical body (substance)?

▶ What will be some of the differences that we are told of?

1Cor. 15:35 But someone will say, “How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?” 36 You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; 37 and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.

▶ Paul's final illustration: the natural beauty (glory) of the world around us

▶ Comparisons of _____ bodies (sun, moon, stars) and _____ bodies (mountains, seas, etc.)

▶ What's his point here as we talk about earthly bodies and resurrection bodies?

▶ What's his point in answering the question about what kind of bodies our resurrection bodies will be as he talks of the varying glories of sun, moon, and stars?

▶ Application...

▶ The physical body is sown a _____ body; it is raised an _____ body
Meaning...

▶ The physical body is sown in _____, it is raised in _____. Meaning...

▶ The physical body is sown in _____, it is raised in _____; Meaning...

▶ The physical body sown a _____ body, it is raised a _____ body.
Meaning...

▶ Just like we bear the image of _____ in our physical bodies, so we will also bear the image of _____, the firstborn from the dead in our resurrection bodies.

40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is 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.

1Cor. 15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; 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.

47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.