

I. Introduction: In heaven, not only will the creation be redeemed, but our bodies will be redeemed, so that we will become immortal, incorruptible, and perfectly righteous.

- A. God's plan is for us to be perfected in both body and soul. One day He will transform our physical body into a perfected body, that our perfected soul will indwell.

II. Resurrected Heavenly Bodies (1 Cor 15:35-49).

A. The Explanation of the New Body (vv. 35-38).

1. God wanted us to know what our bodies will be like in heaven, so He used the illustration of a seed to demonstrate the radical transformation that they will undergo.

B. The Alteration of the New Body (vv. 39-41).

1. Our resurrected body will be composed of a different type of material than our bodies now, just as the physical makeup of animals, fish, birds, and stars all differ.

C. The Description of the New Body (vv. 42-44).

1. Our resurrected body will have a new characteristic, perfectly suited for heaven. They will be glorious, sinless and immortal, with limitless energy and great power.

D. The Illustration of the New Body (vv. 45-49).

1. The first Adam possessed the type of body that we all have now. Jesus, the second Adam, possesses the type of resurrected body we will have in heaven.

III. Conclusion: God will one day redeem our body and soul. We will receive a body like Jesus' body; one that is glorious, sinless, immortal, incorruptible, and powerful.

Questions About: Resurrected Heavenly Bodies

1. Where is the nicest place you've ever stayed? What is the analogy that Paul uses to describe our earthly body? (**2 Cor 5:1-5**) How is living in a luxury resort hotel better than living in a tent?
2. How will God raise the dead? (**1 Cor 15:35-38**) How will He resurrect people who are cremated? How is resurrection not reconstruction? How is resurrection like seed germination?
3. Why does Paul say that animals, birds, fish, and stars all have different "flesh"? (**1 Cor 15:39-42**) What is the spiritual point he is trying to convey? (**v. 42a**) How will it be a new flesh?
4. What does it mean that our body is "perishable"? (**1 Cor 15:42**) How will our new body be raised "imperishable"? What are the implications of possessing an imperishable body?
5. What does it mean that our body is sown in "dishonor"? (**1 Cor 15:43**) How will our new body be raised in "glory"? What will it be like to have a body that has no sin? No decay?
6. What does it mean that our body is sown in "weakness"? (**1 Cor 15:44**) How will our new body be raised in "power"? What physical limitations will our new body be able to overcome?
7. What does it mean that our body is "natural"? (**1 Cor 15:42**) How will our new body be "spiritual"? What are the implications of possessing a spiritual body?
8. How will our new body be like Jesus' body? (**1 Cor 15:45-49**) What was Jesus' resurrected body like? What things could His new body do that our bodies cannot?

Prayer

1. Would you pray that God would help you to anticipate the day of your body's redemption?
2. Would you pray for opportunities to talk to people headed for eternal condemnation?