

I. Introduction: Paul explained to the Corinthians that Jesus Christ is the last Adam, the head over the new creation, who died to redeem humanity in body and soul.

II. The Last Adam (1 Cor 15:45-49).

A. Jesus is Life (v. 45).

1. Paul told the Corinthians that Jesus is the last Adam. The first Adam sinned and brought death to all people, the second was righteous and is the source of eternal life.

B. Jesus is Spiritual (v. 46).

1. Paul taught the Corinthians that the natural body comes first because we have inherited it from Adam; the spiritual body will come after the resurrection.

C. Jesus is Heavenly (vv. 47-49).

1. Paul explained to the Corinthians that one day, we will possess a heavenly body that is perfect, holy, and patterned after the Lord Jesus' resurrected body.

III. Conclusion: All people who have been born again can anticipate the wonderful reality that their earthly body will be transformed into a heavenly body that is more glorious.

Questions About: The Last Adam

1. What do you believe about life after death? Will people be resurrected? Will they be annihilated? Reincarnated? Does Jesus possess power over death? Why does this matter?
2. Why did Paul call Jesus the “last Adam”? (**1 Cor 15:45-49**) How did Paul contrast Adam and Jesus? (**Rom 5:12-21**) How was Adam described? (**Gen 2:7**) How was Jesus described? (**v. 45**)
3. What did it mean that Adam “became a living soul”? (**1 Cor 15:45**) Who gave life to Adam? (**Gen 2:7**) What did it mean that Jesus is a “life-giving Spirit”? (**v. 45**) Why was that important?
4. What was the second comparison of Adam and Jesus? (**1 Cor 15:46**) What did it mean to be natural? What did it mean to be spiritual? Does spiritual mean immaterial? (**Luke 24:38-39**)
5. How was Jesus’ spiritual body similar to His natural body? (**John 20:27**) Will we keep our individuality in the resurrection? (**Matt 8:11; 17:1-6**) Will we eat in the resurrection?
6. How will our resurrected body be different from our natural body? (**1 Cor 15:47-49**) How was Adam’s body “earthy”? (**v. 47**) How was the last Adam’s body “heavenly”? (**v. 47**)
7. What things could Jesus’ new body do that our bodies cannot? (**John 20:19; Luke 25:51; Acts 1:9-11; Rev 1:16**) How will our resurrected body be like His? (**Phil 3:21; 1 John 3:2**)
8. How does the knowledge of the resurrection impact our daily living? How should we think about sin? How should we think about our bodies? How does resurrection impact evangelism?

Prayer

1. Pray that God would open your eyes to understand the glories of the resurrected body.
2. Ask God for opportunities to share the Gospel with people who are headed to eternal damnation.