

w/b 21st April 2019 THEME: THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY - LIFE APPLICATION

PASSAGE: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

INTRODUCTION:

On Easter Sunday we celebrated a number of benefits of Christ's resurrection. One of these is the resurrection of the dead. This study looks at this subject in greater detail as a source of great joy for the Christian.

LAUNCH

- What practical problem makes it difficult for some people to believe in resurrection of the body? (verse 35)
- What is the difference between resurrection and reincarnation?
- As a teenager, what did you like least about your body? Did you do anything to try to change it?
- As an adult, what do you fear about your changing body?

DISCOVERY

- What three pictures does Paul use in discussing the nature of resurrection? (verses 36-41)
- What do these analogies teach you about your resurrected body? (verses 42-44, 49)
- Who is "the last Adam" in verse 45? (John 3:13, 31, Philippians 3:20-21)
- In Verses 45 to 49, Paul compares the natural body of Adam - and us - to the spiritual body of Christ - and to our resurrected bodies. What can we say about this spiritual body? (Matthew 28:9, Mark 16:9, 12, Luke 24:15-16, 36-37, 41-43, John 20:26)
- In Verses 51-52, Paul writes, "We will all be changed—in a flash..." Does he mean the moment of your death or some other time? (Matthew 24:31, Revelation 11:15, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 20:4-6)
- Explain Verse 56. What is the sting of death and how is it removed?
- What motivates you to push on with the Christian life:
A) the hope of resurrection, B) the fear of judgment, C) the knowledge that God will reward faithfulness, D) peer pressure, E) Something else.
Explain your answer.

APPLICATION

Spend time praying that members of your group and Jubilee Church as a whole will know more joy as we increasingly appreciate the reality and power of Christ's resurrection.

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