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“Why Does the Resurrection Matter? #3:
It Leads Us to Anticipate a Better Body”
I Corinthians 15:35-49

- 1) Our Resurrection Body Will Be Different (v.35-41)
 - a. Paul is correcting two errors in thinking:
 - i. Our resurrection bodies will be exactly the same, reconstituted
 - ii. Our resurrection bodies will be unrelated to original body
 - b. Why are questions called foolish? (v.36) beyond understanding
 - c. Death brings life (v.36-37) John 12:23-25; 2 Cor. 5:1; 4:7
 - d. Trust God for the details (v.38) I Cor. 12:11
 - e. God creates things differently:
 - i. Different types of flesh (v.39; Gen. 1)
 - ii. Earthly and heavenly bodies (v.40)
 - iii. Different forms of splendor (v.41) Luke 9:29-31

- 2) Our Resurrection Body Will Be Better (v.42-44a)
 - a. Sown perishable/raised imperishable
 - b. Sown in dishonor/raised in glory
 - c. Sown in weakness/raised in power (I John 2:16)
 - d. Sown a natural body/raised a spiritual body (John 4:24; Heb. 8:5; 9:11)

- 3) There Is a Progression from Our Earthly Body to Our Resurrection Body (v.44b-49)
 - a. From natural to spiritual body (v.44b) 2 Cor. 3:17-18
 - b. From first Adam to last Adam (v.45)
 - c. From a living being to a life-giving spirit (v.45) Gen. 2:7; Ezek 37:1-10
 - d. The natural came first, then the spiritual (v.46) Gen. 1:27; Col. 1:27
 - e. From dust of the earth to origin in heaven (v.47) Gen. 2:7; 3:19
 - f. From likeness of earthly man to likeness of heavenly Man (v.48-49) Rom. 8:29; Phil. 3:20-21