

Theme: At the resurrection, our present bodies will be raised and transformed to be like Christ's resurrected and glorified body, exhibiting both continuity and discontinuity with our present body.

I. Intro – What Will Our Bodies Be Like?

- A. Common question about resurrection
- B. Paul deals with this
- C. Foolish? – v36 – only if scoffing/unbelief
- D. What will our bodies be like?

II. Resurrection of the Body – Continuity

- A. Resurrection means bodily resurrection
 - 1. See last weeks teaching
 - 2. Brown quote
- B. The continuity in 1 Corinthians 15
 - 1. vv37, 42, 44 - seed analogy – only body is sown
 - 2. vv42-44 – “it” is sown; “it” is raised
 - 3. vv52-54 – changed – living and the dead
- C. The continuity elsewhere
 - 1. Every example we have – continuity
 - 2. Jesus – raised in the same body!!!

- 3. Phil 3:20-21 – transform our **bodies**
- 4. Romans 8:11 – life to our mortal bodies

III. Resurrection of the Body – Discontinuity

- A. The discontinuity in 1 Corinthians 15
 - 1. v37 – not the body that will be
 - 2. vv42-44 – 4 changes; spiritual (not immaterial)
 - a. Discuss 4 pairs – great difference!
 - b. Spiritual – 2:15; 3:1; 10:3-4; 15:46 – controlled by Spirit
 - 3. vv50-52 – not flesh and blood; changed (Lk 24:39)
- B. Discontinuity elsewhere
 - 1. Phil 3:21 – **transform** our bodies
 - 2. 1 John 3:2 – don't know what we will be

IV. The Prototype – Christ's Body

- A. Christ is the 'model' for our bodies
 - 1. 1 Cor 15:20-23 – Christ the firstfruits
 - 2. 1 Cor 15:49 – We shall bear His likeness
 - 3. Phil 3:20-21 – like His glorious body
 - 4. 1 John 3:2 – We shall be like Him

B. Continuity & discontinuity

1. Same body raised, but transformed
2. Luke 24:36-43 – appears, recognize, flesh bone, eats
3. John 20:19-20 – appears, recognize, wounds

The Resurrection of the Body (Part 2)

1 Corinthians 15:35-44

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Ephesians 1:17-21

V. Applying the Word

- A. Do we see the continuity of resurrection & present body?
 1. The **same** body buried is raised
 2. God's power to raise (Athenagoras)
 3. Our body is continuous in life - & resurrection
- B. Do we see discontinuity of resurrection & present body?
 1. The body is transformed in resurrection
 2. No more pain, sickness, weakness
 3. Spiritual - It will be perfect vehicle for Spirit
 4. Many things we do not know (1Jn 3:2) – but glorious
- C. Jesus is our prototype – the full, resurrected Man
 1. Our body will be like His glorious body
 2. He has blazed the path, is the first of many
 3. He provides the way – look to Him!

The concept of resurrection from the grave...is certainly what resurrection meant to the Jews of Jesus' time.... It is not really accurate to claim that the NT references to the resurrection of Jesus are ambiguous as to whether they mean **bodily resurrection** – there was no other kind of resurrection. Brown

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20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, **will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.** Philippians 3:20-21

11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead **will also give life to your mortal bodies** through his Spirit, who lives in you. Romans 8:11

15 The **spiritual man** makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: 1 Corinthians 2:15

1 Brothers, I could not address you as **spiritual** but as **worldly**-- mere infants in Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:1

3 They all ate the same **spiritual food** 4 and drank the same **spiritual drink**; for they drank from the **spiritual rock** that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:3-4

45 So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. 46 The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. 1 Corinthians 15:45-47

50 I declare to you, brothers, **that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.** 51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: **We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--** 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:50-52

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20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, **the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.** 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own turn: **Christ, the firstfruits**; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 1Co15:20-23

49 And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, **so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.** 1 Corinthians 15:49

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36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence. Luke 24:36-43

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. John 20:19-20

In his treatise on "The Resurrection of the Dead" (ch. 3), second century Christian teacher Athenagoras concluded that God's "power is sufficient for the raising of dead bodies, and is shown by the creation of these same bodies. For if, when they did not exist, He made at their first formation the bodies of men, and their original elements, He will, when they are dissolved, in whatever manner that may take place, raise them again with equal ease: for this, too, is equally possible to Him." [9]