

Resurrected Bodies are Necessary

I. To Reflect (35-49)

Resurrected bodies are what God gives and will reflect the nature of where we will be, heaven!

II. To Release (50-57)

Our resurrection is necessary and will be instantaneous.

It will set us free from sin and death, forever.

III. To Remember (58)

Remembering our resurrection will help us stay faithful to the Lord and His work.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Have you encountered people with different ideas about life after death? What are some of the more common ideas today?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-41. Paul addresses objections to a resurrection based on assumptions that a resurrection would be the same body brought back to life, or the body would have to be unrelated to the original body. How did he correct their thinking?

What incorrect assumptions do you think people make today to object to a resurrection? How would you illustrate that resurrection does make sense?

3. Paul addresses the objections further in verses 42-49 by contrasting the resurrected body to the natural body. How does he describe the resurrected body? (vs. 42-44)

How does he explain the differences in verses 45-49? How does the gospel message bring these differences together?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-53. Why is a resurrection body necessary? How is the change from a natural body to a resurrected body described?

What did Jesus tell His disciples about this in Matthew 24:27, 42, 44, and 25:13?

Compare being "alert and ready" with being prepared to leave on a long trip. How alert and ready are you for the Lord's return and resurrection of your body?

5. From verses 54-57, what victory will the resurrection bring? What do you most look forward to in this victory?

6. How does Paul instruct his readers to be ready (v. 52) in verse 58?

What does it look like to abound in the work of the Lord and believe you are saved and sanctified through faith in the gospel of Christ?

What does it look like in your life?