The Promise of a Glorified Body 1 Corinthians 15:35-53

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I. Die to live; a change takes place. 1 Corinthians 15:35-38 Paul is explaining how physical resurrection is ______, using a

teaching about the principle of change. John 12:23-24

 A seed planted does not look like the grain that will eventually grow from it; neither does the body that dies look the same when God raises it to life - a supernatural ______ takes place.

Not only will our new body need to endure the *rapture* when we are caught up with the Lord in the air, but we will also need to have a body that can look upon the Lord in all of His _____.

II. Different creatures. 1 Corinthians 15:39-49

When we look at all the differences within the things the Lord has created, it should not surprise us to know that our resurrected bodies will be

_____ than what we now have.

• "God's intent to make man in His own image (Genesis 1:26) will finally reach ______ when believers eventually receive bodies that enable us to live in the spiritual sphere, as He does." (Constable)

III. The ultimate metamorphosis. *1 Corinthians15:50-53 Revelation 4:1 "After this"* (Greek: *meta tauta*) and at the end of the verse *"after this"* are translated *"hereafter" or* ______ *or these events.*

Christians first go through a *metamorphosis* at ______.

- This last trumpet in *1 Corinthians 15:52* describes the Christian's "marching ______" at the rapture of the Church.
- IV. Conclusion.

Colossians 3:4 When Christ who is _____ appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. NKJV

 Our sin nature from Adam will no longer be a part of us, because the positional holiness of Christ we have now will be our in heaven.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

- Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-38. What is the difference between the looks of a seed and the looks of the grain it produces? How does this comparison help us understand how the Lord can give us glorified bodies? John 12:23-24, John 15:1-8, 2 Corinthians 5:1
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:39-49. Discuss the different types of flesh Paul described. Who are the two Adams Paul spoke about? What did these Adams give to us? Genesis 1:26, John 3:16-17, Romans 5:12-15, Philippians 3:20-21
- **3.** Read **1** *Corinthians* **15:50-53.** Discuss when this metamorphosis will ultimately take place. Discuss the metamorphosis that happens at salvation for the Christian. *What is the rapture of the church?*

Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 1:4-6, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, Jude 14-15, Revelation 1:19, Revelation 4:1

- How does what we believe about our resurrected bodies affect our lives today? How does what we believe about our resurrected bodies affect what we believe about physical death? John 13:15, Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 6:20, Titus 2:6-8, 1 Peter 2:16
- 5. Discuss the conclusion of this sermon.

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