THE GLORY OF THE RESURRECTION

1 Corinthians 15:35–58

Key Verse: 15:49

1. What questions about the resurrection does Paul anticipate, and what is the likely attitude behind them? (35) How does Paul begin his response, and what principle can we find here? (36; cf. Jn12:24; Ro8:17b; Php3:10,11)
2. How does the analogy of a seed help us understand our resurrection body? (37,38) Why does Paul mention different kinds of flesh and different kinds of heavenly and earthly bodies in creation? (39–41) How are our present bodies and resurrection bodies contrasted, and how should this encourage us? (42–44a)
3. What is Paul’s rationale? (44b) How does he contrast the first Adam and the last Adam, Jesus? (45–47) How does he apply this, and what does he mean? (48) Read verse 49. What does it mean to “bear the image of the earthly man”? To “bear the image of the heavenly man”? How should this verse impact our practical lives?
4. How does Paul explain why our bodies have to be transformed? (50) What is the “mystery,” and what does it mean? (51,52) What does Paul say again? (53) What will happen at that time, and why will people celebrate? (54,55) How are sin and the law involved in “the sting of death”? (56) How can we be assured of final victory? (57)
5. Read verse 58. What does it mean to “stand firm” and “let nothing move you”? To “always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord”? Why should we be living this way, and how can we really have this conviction?