

RESURRECTION FACTS

(1 Cor 15:35-53)

A few years ago there was an ad where a child began to talk about all the health benefits of milk; as he talked his body transformed into a healthy body of a grown man. The ad ended with the slogan, "Milk, it does a body good."

A. **There are a lot of things** we can do that are good for the body, but even with the best of care our bodies are going to break down.

1. I want to talk to you today about something that really does a body good, especially for those who faithfully serve the Lord in their lives.

2. And that "something" is the RESURRECTION.

B. **Paul dealt extensively** with the body we will receive at the RESURRECTION when Jesus returns.

1. Heaven is not a place for disembodied spirits that float around like ghosts.

2. God declares that your spirit will receive a new & immortal body to reside in heaven.

3. A body that will not be subjected disease, or to the aging process that causes us so much pain.

John 11:25-26 – Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection & the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives & believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

4. Jesus was not only referring to the life given to the spirit of one who obeys the gospel (receives the forgiveness of sins); He was also talking about to the resurrected body in which that spirit will reside, at the RESURRECTION.

5. Now that is good news isn't it? Does anything about your physical body concern you? Yes, & the older we get, the more concerns we have.

6. Well this lesson will give you something to set your hope on—i.e. *the body you will receive at the RESURRECTION.*

[Before we begin, we need to understand that Paul, 1 Cor. 15, did not attempt to answer every question we might have about the resurrected body.

There are some things about that future body we cannot know, presently, but we can know enough about it to ignite our hope ([1 John 3:2-3](#)). Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-58.]

I. RESURRECTION FACTS

A. The Last Trumpet Signals The End Of Time & The Resurrection Day.

1 Cor 15:52 – in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**. For the trumpet will sound, & **the dead will be raised incorruptible**, & we shall be changed.

1 Cor 15:22-24 – For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ all shall be made alive**. 23 But each one in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming**. 24 **Then comes the end**, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule & all authority & power.

1. Jesus referred to the resurrection day as “the last day” ([John 6:39-40, 44, 54](#)).

2. In other words, there will NOT be more than one resurrection day.
 - a. There will not be a rapture, a tribulation period followed by the resurrection of the righteous, then a 1000 year reign of Christ, then the resurrection of the wicked.
3. In fact, Jesus was even more specific about the resurrection day; He also said it would occur at a certain “hour” on that “last day”.

John 5:28-29 – Do not marvel at this; for **the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 & come forth** — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, & those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

4. The apostle John mentioned the resurrection in conjunction with the Day of Judgment.

Rev 20:12-15 – And I saw the dead, small & great, standing before God, & books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 **The sea gave up the dead who were in it, & Death & Hades delivered up the dead who were in them**. And they were judged,

each one according to his works. 14 Then Death & Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

[The second resurrection fact...]

B. God Will Provide A New Body For His Kingdom.

1 Cor 15:50 – Now this I say, brethren, that ***flesh & blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God***; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

Phil 3:20-21 – For ***our citizenship is in heaven***, from which we also eagerly wait for ***the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body***, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

1. The only resurrected body you can read of in the Scriptures, connected to the 2nd coming of Christ, is a body prepared to live in heaven in the presence of God.
2. Some say the “glorious body” of Christ is that body He had after His resurrection ([John 2:19-21](#)).

Of that body, Jesus said, “*Touch me & see, for a spirit does not have flesh & bones as you see I have*” ([Luke 24:39](#)).

Some say that Jesus did not say, “flesh & blood.” He said, “flesh & bones” because His blood was shed on the cross. {There is no difference in the meaning of the two phrases.}

Like others who had been raised from the dead, Jesus ate food & breathed air for forty days. Obviously, blood would be required in His body to digest food He ate & for proper lung function.

But even if His resurrected body was just “flesh & bones” without any blood in it, then He still could not enter Heaven – “flesh” (human flesh) cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

So that body Jesus was raised in was at some time later glorified to possess the same glory He had before He came to earth ([John 17:5](#)); that is the kind of new body that we will be given at the resurrection.

[The third resurrection fact...]

C. God Will Provide A New Body For Everyone.

1 Cor 15:51-52 – Behold, I tell you a mystery: ***We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed*** — 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, & ***the dead will be raised incorruptible, & we shall be changed.***

1 Cor 15:21-22 – For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so ***in Christ all shall be made alive.***

1. Everyone who faithfully served God in all three ages will be given a new body at the resurrection.
 - a. Abel, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, John the baptizer & Peter the apostle will be able to see that their first body has changed.
2. But also, everyone who has ever lived will be given a new body at the resurrection.
 - a. Not only Abel, but Cain too. Not only Noah, but his neighbor ... Not only Abraham, but the King of Sodom... Not only Moses, but his nephews... Not only David, but Uriah...

b. Why? Because there will be only one resurrection from the dead.

c. When the bodies begin to change, they will all change at once.

John 5:28-29 – Do not marvel at this; for ***the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice*** 29 & ***come forth*** — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, & those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Acts 24:15 (Paul before Felix) – ***I have hope in God***, which they themselves also accept, ***that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just & the unjust.***

[Next week we want to notice what Paul stated about the nature of the resurrection body.]

CLOSING

- What kind of body will you be given on the resurrection day?

- It will either be a body prepared for a new life in Heaven, to dwell in the presence of God for all eternity.
- Or it will be a body prepared for eternal condemnation in the lake of fire.
- One type of body will have to stand up to the intense power of the glory of God.
- The other type of body will have to stand up to the intense heat of the wrath of God.
- Which body does your spirit wish to inhabit?
- The resurrection “does a body good” if & only if that body faithfully served God’s Son in the earthly life.

Hear the gospel Christ; read it: Acts 2; 3; 13; 17; Rom 10:17

Believe Jesus to be Lord and Christ, the Son of God and Savior of men: Acts 2:36; John 3:16; 8:24; 20:30-31; Acts 4:12; Titus 1:4

Repent of your sins: Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30; 1 John 3:4

Confess your faith in Jesus Christ: Matt 10:32-33; Acts 8:37; Rom 10:9-10

Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins & salvation: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom 6:3-4; Gal 3:27; 1 Pet 3:21

Be obedient to the Lord, He will be your Judge: Titus 2:11-12; Heb 5:9; 2 John 9; Rev 2:10; John 12:48
