

Mysteries of the Resurrection

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I Corinthians 15:20-58

1. The Mystery of the Order of the Resurrections:

- ❖ **Christ, the First Fruit** – the first of a great harvest (Acts 2:24; Acts 26:23; I Peter 1:3; Rev. 1:5)
- ❖ **At the rapture** – all that belong to Him only
 - I Thessalonians 4:13-18; II Cor. 4:14;
- ❖ **Great White Throne Judgment** (Revelation 20:10-15)

2. Christ shall reign until God has put all enemies under Him – death is the last enemy to be subdued – *I Cor 15:25-26* – “*For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*”

3. The Mystery of Resurrected Bodies:

1. The body that is planted in the grave, is not the one that is raised
2. There are different types of flesh
 - Flesh of **man**
 - Flesh of **animals** (beasts)
 - Flesh of **birds**
 - Flesh of **fish**

3. Different Types of Bodies:

- Heavenly bodies - celestial
- Earthly bodies - terrestrial

4. Differences in our Present and New Bodies:

- Planted perishable -- Raised imperishable [*not subject to decay, ruin, or destruction*]
- Sown in dishonor -- Raised in glory [*excellence, honor, dignity, an exalted state*]
- Sown in weakness -- Raised in power [*force, miraculous power & ability*]
- Sown a natural body -- Raised a spiritual body [*one filled and governed by the Spirit of GOD. Not subject to the weaknesses and limitations of the natural bodies. Not made of flesh and blood. They are “spirit filled and maintained”, unlike the natural where the life is in the blood. The Spirit of GOD is the life of the glorified spiritual bodies.*]

- First man was earthly - Second man heavenly [*Unlike the earthly man, we*

will be like Jesus, able to dwell in both heaven and on earth, during His kingdom on earth. But in eternity, our abode will be with GOD in heaven – which is wherever He is.... there is heaven, in the new heaven and new earth!

5. The Mystery of the Resurrection Itself

- ◆ **Flesh and blood** (corruption cannot inherit incorruption) - cannot enter heaven (the kingdom God in heaven) – inherit eternal life. These bodies cannot withstand the heavenly atmosphere. That’s why they must be changed.
- ◆ **We may not all die, but we will all be changed** – some of us may be alive at the return of Christ and never see physical death here on earth. But we will all be changed, whether we be Saints raised from the dead, or Saints alive at his coming, we will all experience this change of our bodies from terrestrial to celestial bodies like Christ’s glorified body.

The dead will be raised imperishable, and along with those yet alive will be changed to imperishable and immortal in glorified bodies!!!