

Your Resurrection; Paul's Comparisons

Commentary for May 1, 2020 — ... in First Corinthians Chapter 15

First let me tell you about the "[May 2020 Newsletter](#)" that introduces the article for May 2020, "The Ten Commandments." This article is reformatted, revised, and expanded from two original articles Dr. Ernest Martin delivered in 1978 and 1979. They were originally published on the ASK website in 2008.

This Commentary is about interesting comparisons made by the Apostle Paul that relate directly to you and your resurrection when Christ returns. What Paul wrote also applies not just to you but everyone else born from Adam and Eve, even to those who do not believe now, but will eventually believe and will be raised to glory long after Christ returns.

This will include many (if not most) of your loved ones, even those who have rejected God and Christ, even the worst human beings throughout history. What Paul writes applies to everyone because everyone will accept God as their Savior (Philippians 2: 1–11). I hope you enjoy learning a bit more about your future experience that God has willed for you to go through (1 Timothy 2: 4-6; Ephesians 1:3–5). The layout of the biblical text is subjective but (to me) it seems to reflect an emphasis as Paul might have spoken the words in dictation.

First Corinthians 15:21–25, 39–58, King James Version

Verse 21 **For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.**

22 **For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

23 **But every man in his own order:**

Christ [1] **the firstfruits;**

afterward [2] **they that are Christ's at his coming**

24 **Then comes the end, [3] when he [Christ] shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.**

25 **For he must reign, till he has put all enemies under his feet.**

Verse 39 **All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.**

40 **There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.**

41 **There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differs from another star in glory.**

⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead.

It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

⁴³ It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory:
it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.
There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

⁴⁵ And so it is written,

“The first man Adam was made a living soul” [Genesis 2: 7];
the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

⁴⁶ Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual,
but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

⁴⁷ The first man is of the earth, earthy:
the second man is the Lord from heaven, and

⁴⁸ As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy:
as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

⁴⁹ And as we have borne The image of the earthy,
we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren,
that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God;
neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

⁵¹ Behold, I show 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 trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and
the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption,
and this mortal must put on immortality.

⁵⁴ So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption,
and this mortal shall have put on immortality,
then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written,
“Death is swallowed up in victory.”¹

⁵⁵ O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, which gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be you stedfast, unmoveable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Paul gives a great deal of exciting information in this extended passage of First Corinthians, even though Paul says we cannot begin to understand much more of our personal glorification. In fact, we cannot imagine what we will be like (Isaiah 64:4; 1 Corinthians 2:9).

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¹ Paul is referring to Hosea 13:14. He is not quoting, but rather he is commenting on the verse.