

1st Corinthians Chapter 15 part 3

The First Resurrection and Our New Bodies!



Compilation of prophetic commentaries by Gaetan

1CO.15:35 But some man will say, **How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?**

1CO.15:36 Thou fool, **that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: (*John 12:24*)**

1CO.15:37 And that which thou sowest, **thou sowest not that body that shall be**, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

1CO.15:38 But **God giveth it a body** as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.



We have been studying about the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and about the time that He spent during those days that He was supposedly dead--obviously quite alive down below (*1 Pe.3:19*) --but His body dead and laid in a grave before He came back and picked it up in a new model form, completely changed, regenerated, rejuvenated and resurrected! It's such a marvelous miracle, such a mystery, really, that nobody can understand it, how our bodies are still going to be related to that dust that goes back to the dust, and in some way that they are going to be raised again!

Paul says you can hardly understand it any more than you can understand how a seed buried in the ground comes to life and springs up and becomes a whole new plant or flowers etc.! That's how much more wonderful your new body's going to be, that much different!



He says there's one kind of this, one kind of that, and if you bury a grain of wheat in the ground you're not going to get apples. What comes out, the final end product is going to look like the grain of wheat you buried. And if you get buried before that time (at the Rapture) instead of going straight up with the Lord, what's going to be resurrected out of that grave is going to look like what was buried, and you're going to be recognizable. You're going to look like yourself but with a marvelous new body!

1CO.15:39 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**.

1CO.15:40 There are also **celestial bodies**, and **bodies terrestrial**: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

1CO.15:41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

1CO.15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

1CO.15:43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: (*Col.3:4*)

1CO.15:44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. (*Phi.3:10*)

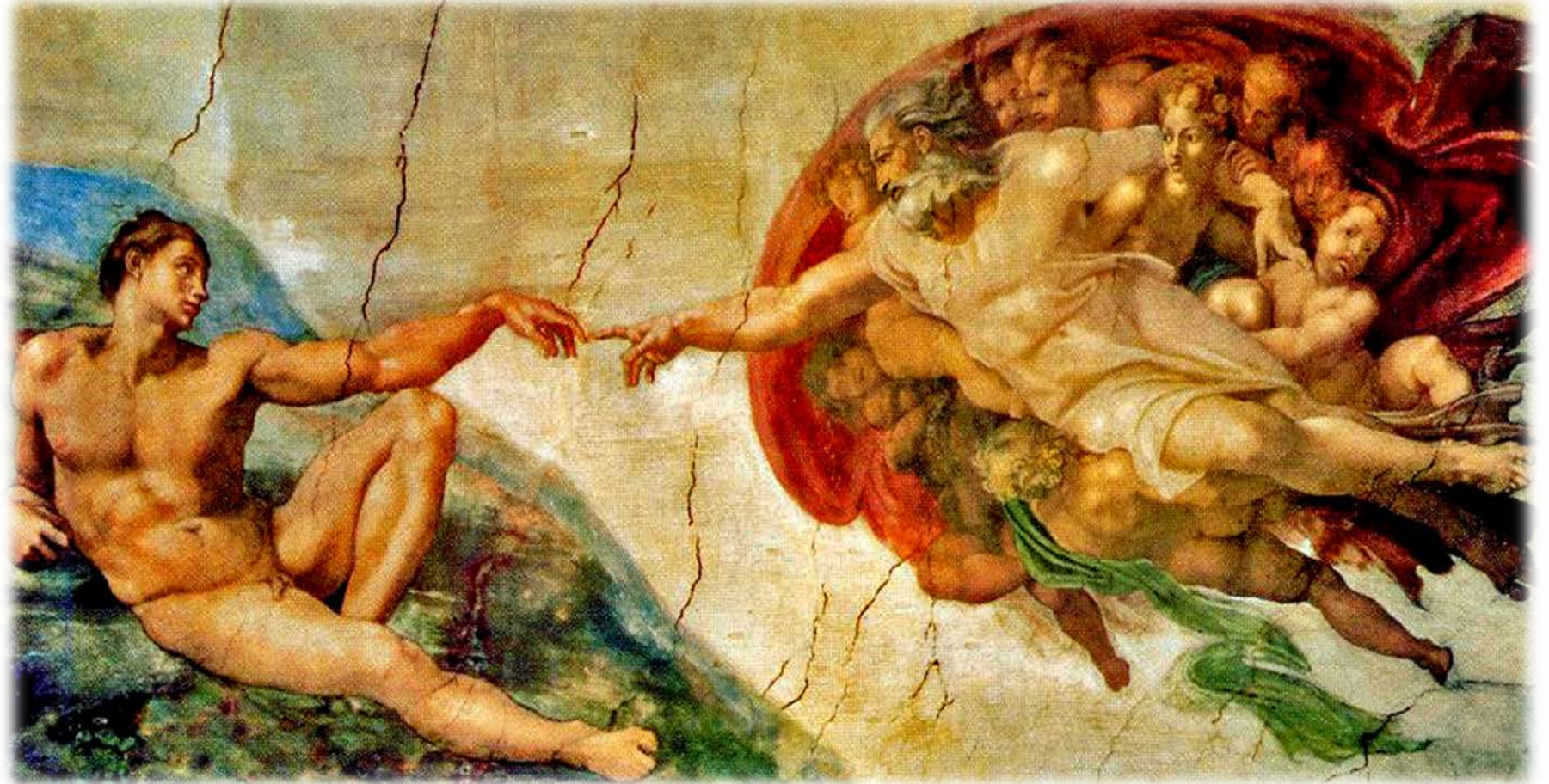
So he says, the body we now have is **"sown in corruption, but it is raised in incorruption."** This Earthly fleshly body can grow old, die, be buried, and go back to the dust from which it came. **"but it is raised in incorruption."** When it is raised again it will not corrupt any more. It will be Heavenly, immortal and impossible to rot any more like our present flesh. **"It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory."** Today, although there have been great honorable burials and funerals, it's still, in a sense, a dishonor to have to die and be buried, this flesh to go back to the dust from which it came. It is a bit humiliating and humbling to realize that is all we are, dust, except for the spirit. But then **"it is raised in glory"**! Hallelujah! --The glory of the spirit and a new resurrection spiritual body.

"It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power!" These bodies are very weak compared to the powerful supernatural powers we're going to have in our new powerful supernatural body! **"There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body."** In a sense, your spiritual body is inhabiting your natural body at the present. And we're going to look like we do now, in a way, only more beautiful.



1CO.15:45 And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

It says, "*The first man Adam was made a living soul.*" Adam was the first man! Not the end of a long series of the process of evolution, but the FIRST man! There were no ape men, there were no men before Adam, and he was the first. And it says Adam was MADE--he didn't grow, he did not evolve, but he was made, and he was made a living soul!



"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them." (Gen. 1:27) Just in case you do not get it the first time around, God repeats it. It says "*in His own image, in the image of God*" He didn't look like some ape man or monkey, or some fish or bird, He created him like Himself, God. He made man like Himself, in many ways, as an illustration of Himself.

1CO.15:46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

1CO.15:47 The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.



1CO.15:48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are **earthy**: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are **heavenly**. (*Ro.8:29*)

1CO.15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Even as we have looked on Earth, we will resemble that same image in Heaven. We will bear the same looks and general appearance--here called image--as we have here on Earth, but much more glorious. So much more glorious that it's almost like the difference between the flower and the seed!

Even as the Lord Himself said in the beginning of the Creation, "***Let us make man in Our Own Image!***" (Ge.1:26) So man today, men and women, look like God, or at least look like Jesus, who has a spiritual human body already resurrected from the dead. And we're going to read you some verses pretty soon so you're going to know that you're going to look like Him!

1CO.15:50 Now this I say, brethren, **that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.**

1CO.15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed,**

Well, you're going to be different, and yet how different? All we know is "***we shall be like Him***" of course different than we are now but at the same time much the same as at this moment. (1Jn.3:2) Jesus could sit down, eat, drink, talk to people, and show them scars and things like that after His resurrection. He was different but not so completely different. We will still be able to see each other, recognize each other and we will still have a human form, believe it or not!





1CO.15:52 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. (*Mt.24:31*)

1CO.15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. (*2Co.5:2-4*)

1CO.15:54 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**. (*Isa.25:8*)

We read that Jesus was to come back in the clouds, and this will be one sign--And the lightning! --And the fact that we'll all be changed! If suddenly you're walking around through town and all of a sudden you feel a sudden wonderful change go over your body and all the aches, pains and weariness disappear and you feel light as a feather like you could fly and maybe you start floating--you'll know it, won't you!

You look down at your clothes and instead of that old dirty pair of pants or that old house dress or whatever you had on, compared to the robe of light that you suddenly discover you have on, anything else would look dirty and old! Because you're going to have a new robe, a beautiful robe of light and righteousness! --White robe, white raiment from the Lord!

In fact, you may be so busy looking up at the sky at what's happening up there, all the lightning and thundering going on and Jesus appearing in the clouds that you may not even have time to look down and see what you're wearing! But you'll sure feel different because you'll *"all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump!"* Praise God!

There's going to be a trumpet sound, there's going to be another big noise! A trumpet is going to be blown. You're going to hear something that's going to sound louder than you ever heard at the ball park or the circus or the political rally or wherever, because this is going to be the biggest rally that was ever held! --Non-political, even non-religious, just the folks that love Jesus and that Jesus loves! All of us sinners saved by grace are going to be rallied, taken up to meet Jesus in the air! How about that? Isn't that wonderful?



Well, what are you going to be like? Over in *Philippians the 3rd Chapter*, he's talking about our opponents and all the trouble we have with them, 19th Verse: *"whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things."* But then he says, *"For our conversation is in Heaven, from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself."*

What are you going to be like? —you're going to be like Jesus! What's your body going to be like? It's going to be like Jesus' resurrected glorious body! *"According to the working"--or the power--"whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself"--including death!*

He's got that power to make your body become like His glorious body, even more glorious than you are today in the flesh! By comparison with which, this body of the flesh is even called a vile body: sometimes it stinks, it's hungry, it's tired, it's heavy, it's sick, it's painful, it suffers, it groans, waiting to be delivered.



Praise God, that deliverance is coming when it will be changed to a marvelous glorified body like the Body of Jesus Himself!



There's another good scripture to show you're going to be like Jesus over in *1 John 3rd chapter*, beginning with the *1st verse*, because he's talking about the Love of the Lord for us, and that's why we're going to get these beautiful gorgeous resplendent magnificent glorious Heavenly bodies: *"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!"--Daughters too! "Therefore, the World knoweth us not, because it knew Him not."*

They haven't got any idea of what we're like, much less what we're going to be like. And you've hardly got any idea of what you're going to be like, compared to what you're like now! But we are trying to give you a little idea, some idea of what it's going to be like.

And he says in the *second verse*: "***Beloved, now are we the sons of God.***" We're already sons and daughters of God, we're already His spiritually, and we already have glorified glorious spirits within, saved, happy and Heavenly hearts! "***And it doth not yet appear what we shall be***"--we don't



know exactly what we're going to look like--"***but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.***" Hallelujah! Think of that! We're going to be like Jesus!

We're going to look like Jesus did when He rose from the dead. We're going to look like Jesus when He descends from on high in glory in the clouds of Heaven to come catch up His Bride in the Rapture, to come up and love up with Him forever!

He's going to come down in glory, we're going to be glorified and rise in glorious resurrected Heavenly raptured bodies just like His when He comes! "***For we shall see Him as He is.***"



Praise God, we're going to see Jesus, He's going to see us and we're going to look alike! That doesn't mean we're all going to look just exactly like Jesus or each other, but it means we're going to have the same kind of bodies, the same kind of body that He has now and has had ever since His resurrection, the one in which He went to Heaven in and came back, visited in and still has today. We'll see him as He is and He'll see us as we are!

"We shall know even as also we are known," **God's Word tells us! (1Cor.13:12)**

1CO.15:55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? *(Ho.13:14)*

1CO.15:56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. *(Ro.4:15)*

The Lord said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth on Me shall never die!"--At least we'll never experience death the way the World does. We'll never die.

DEATH, WHERE IS THY VICTORY?



"IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE"
(1 Corinthians 15:22; see also v. 55).

"I am the Resurrection, and the life: He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die!"-- John 11:25, 26. That's even going further and saying we'll never die! You won't even feel death because the Lord already suffered it for you. "That He by the grace of God should taste death for every man!"-- Heb.2:9.

That's what He must mean: We'll never die, we'll never feel death, because He's already taken the pain out of death for us. We don't even like to use the word "die" because it's not really death. It says in another place "they shall not see death." (Jn.8:51)

For us believers, death will have no sting because our sins are forgiven, and the grave will have no victory because we have won the victory over the grave through Christ, our salvation and our eventual resurrection. Our spirits are immediately free to go to be with the Lord, so it's not really death for us in the same way it is for others. We don't really die in the sense that they die.

That's why we don't like to call it "*dying*" or "*death*", we prefer to call it graduation, passing on or promotion. It's just like passing from one room to another, and it's a very beautiful experience for most people who know and love the Lord.

1CO.15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1CO.15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be ye steadfast, unmovable**, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that **your labor is not in vain in the Lord**.

Why is he talking about all this business about dying and being resurrected and heavenly bodies? There's a reason for it! What is He saying here? Be steadfast, unmovable, work hard for the Lord, because your labors are not in vain. You're going to inherit that marvelous Heavenly body and the Heavenly City before long! It's worth working for, saving for, suffering for, and worth being steadfast and unmovable for, always abounding in the work of the Lord, because we know our labor is not in vain.



**We are going to be rewarded with that stunning Heavenly body. Our labors are not in vain!
Hallelujah! We're going to get that reward!**

