

Kingdom Now & To Come - THE FULL GOSPEL MESSAGE (cont.)

More on the End Times – New Heaven, New Earth, & New You (cont.)

Review where we left off last week

1 Cor 15:12-23, 35-55 study:

1Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

1Corinthians 15:13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

1Corinthians 15:14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

1Corinthians 15:15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

1Corinthians 15:16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

1Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

1Corinthians 15:18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

1Corinthians 15:19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

- Christ is raised, so we who have received him (He in us, and us in Him) must also be raised. Resurrection life = union with Christ

1Corinthians 15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1Corinthians 15:21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

1Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

1Corinthians 15:23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

- Christ - the firstfruits - was unrecognizable to disciples until their eyes were opened to see Him for who He was. So it will be with our spiritual body. We may possibly look different, but will see each other for who we are. Spiritual eyes will see the true person.
- BUT NOT UNTIL HE RETURNS!

1Corinthians 15:35 But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?”

1Corinthians 15:36 You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

1Corinthians 15:37 And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

1Corinthians 15:38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

1Corinthians 15:39 For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.

1Corinthians 15:40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another.

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

1Corinthians 15:42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

1Corinthians 15:43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

1Corinthians 15:44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

1Corinthians 15:45 Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

1Corinthians 15:46 But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual.

1Corinthians 15:47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

1Corinthians 15:48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.

1Corinthians 15:49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

1Corinthians 15:50 I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1Corinthians 15:51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Corinthians 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

1Corinthians 15:53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

1Corinthians 15:54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

1Corinthians 15:55 “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

- Spiritual body bearing likeness of Christ, the new Adam (seed of humanity)
- Change happens at last trumpet.
- The spiritual rebirth that gave us the seed of Christ is brought to it's final glorified state in our new spiritual bodies.

So the question remains, what of those who have died? Where are they now?

The Interim State

- 2 Cor 5:8 - absent from body is present with Lord
- Luke 23:43 – to criminal on cross Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise."
- Rev 20:4-5 – the first resurrection is for those who came to life (after they died) and reigned with Christ 1000 years. ANOTHER great example of why 1000 years are a symbolic *current* reality! The first resurrection is what happens when we die before the Lord comes. As Hades holds spirits of the dead who aren't in Christ (and therefore not with Christ), our spirits are seated with Christ in the heavenly places, to descend with Him at the last trumpet and receive our new spiritual bodies, to be lived in new creation. Those not in Christ undergo the second death (lake of fire), those in Christ undergo the second resurrection to eternal life.

Open Q&A and discussion about concepts to date

The Personhood of God, pt.17 – The Work of Christ

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2Corinthians 5:8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Revelation 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.