

**Life Changes**  
**I Corinthians 15:35-58**  
**Resurrection, part 2**  
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**What lies ahead—thank goodness!**

**Questions, and some answers.**

**How are the dead raised?**

1. The role of death.
2. God.
3. Letting go.

**What kind of body?**

1. Different identities.
2. Different glories according to identity, location and purpose.

*Glory, doxa (from the Greek Key Word Study Bible): It “can mean appearance, reputation, glory. It basically refers to the recognition belonging to a person, his or her honor, renown.... Doxa may denote appearance, form, aspect, that appearance of a person or thing which catches the eye or attracts attention, commanding recognition.... thus equivalent to splendor, brilliance, glory attracting the gaze.... [Referring to God:] It comprises all that God will appear to be in His final revelation to us....”*

3. Raised imperishable
4. Raised in glory.
5. Raised in power (*dunamis*).
6. Raised a spiritual body.
7. Raised bearing the image of the heavenly.

**Are you in the land of the living, on your way to the land of the dying?  
Or, are you in the land of the dying, on your way to the land of the living?**

Our perspective shapes how we live.  
How we live shows what we truly believe.

**Another why:** “flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable” (1 Cor. 15:15).

## **Jesus' resurrection appearances.**

Eating

Identity

**We do mourn—but with hope** (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18), and knowing He understands and cares (John 11:35).

## **Plan A involved bodies for humankind (Genesis 1 and 2).**

### **Impact of all this: 1 Corinthians 15:58.**

Stand firm. Let nothing move you. (Ephesians 6:10, 11).

Give yourself fully to the work of the Lord—in whatever realm of life and service you are right now.

Be encouraged—your work is not in vain.

### **Why does Paul tell us this?**

1. Because it's true.
2. To help us live here with an eternal perspective (see Paul's in Philippians 1:20, 21; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10).
3. To motivate us to live holy lives (1 John 3:2,3).
4. To comfort us in loss (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). Death does **not** get the last word (1 Cor. 15:54-57).
5. To prepare us to live forever as citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:14-21).

*And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life (1 John 5:11-13).*

### **A few resources among many:**

David Jeremiah series on *Heaven* (Turning Point Ministries)

Randy Alcon, *Heaven*

Erwin Lutzer, *One Minute after You Die*

C. S. Lewis, *The Last Battle; The Great Divorce*

Joni Earickson Tada, *Heaven: Your True Home*