



**Gospel BODIES – TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:35-50**

**Foolish (skeptical) QUESTIONS:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-36a

- 1) **Some want “HIDDEN” knowledge (Gnosticism):** Deut. 29:29
- 2) **There are REALITIES that are NOT for us to KNOW:** Acts 1:7a
- 3) **We are called to LISTEN to and LIVE within what has been REVEALED in God’s WORD:** 1 Cor. 4:6b See: 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Ptr 1:3
- 4) **There are REAL things that are MYSTERIOUS (unrevealed)!**

**What KIND of Resurrection BODY will we have?**

- 1) **A different FORM:**
  - a) **As DIFFERENT as a SEED and it’s resulting PLANT:** 1 Cor. 15:37
  - b) **As DIVERSELY BEAUTIFUL as ALL the forms of life:** 1 Cor. 15:39
  - c) **A God GIVEN form:** 1 Corinthians 15:38. See also: Genesis 1:11
  - d) **NOT GHOSTLY or merely SPIRITUAL – but an actual BODY:** Luke 24:38b–39. See also: v. 40-43; John 20:27-28
- 2) **A different GLORY than our EARTHLY bodies:** 1 Cor. 15:40-41
  - a) **We will REFLECT God’s GLORY:** Daniel 12:2–3. See: Matt 13:43
  - b) **Our GLORY will be INCOMPARABLE:** 2 Corinthians 4:16–17
- 3) **A different QUALITY:**
  - a) **ETERNAL (not decaying or diminishing):** 1 Corinthians 15:42
  - b) **UNASHAMED:** 1 Corinthians 15:43a. See: Genesis 2:25
  - c) **CAPABLE:** 1 Corinthians 15:43b
  - d) **SPIRITUAL – formed by the Holy Spirit:** 1 Corinthians 15:44
- 4) **A different ANCESTOR:** 1 Corinthians 15:46
  - a) **Adam was formed from DUST but JESUS (the God-Man) was of heavenly descent:** 1 Cor. 15:47. See: John 3:13, 31; Genesis 2:7
  - b) **We ALL have the earthly PHYSICAL genetics of ADAM. We gain, through Jesus, His SPIRITUAL “genetics”:** 1 Corinthians 15:48
  - c) **We will have a RESURRECTED Spiritual BODY like JESUS:** Philippians 3:20-21

**HOW are the dead RAISED?**

- 1) **A necessary TRANSITION:** 1 Corinthians 15:50
  - a) **Our SIN keeps us from ETERNAL LIFE and HEAVENLY BODIES:** 1 Cor. 6:9–10. See: Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:5-6; Rev. 21:8, 22:15
  - b) **The CONSEQUENCE for our SIN and UNBELIEF is DEATH:** Genesis 3:19d. See also: 2:17; Prov. 14:12; Romans 5:12, 6:23
  - c) **We need a new BIRTH:** John 3:6–7. See also: v. 3
- 2) **A necessary SAVIOR:** 1 Corinthians 15:45
  - a) **Jesus did ALL that was necessary to PAY for our SINS and make us ACCEPTABLE to God:** 1 Corinthians 6:11
  - b) **Jesus came to give us EMBODIED, ABUNDANT, ETERNAL LIFE:** John 6:40. See also: John 3:14-16, 36; 4:14; 5:21, 24; 6:47; 10:10, 28; 1 John 5:11
  - c) **We need spiritual life (Zoe) not just biological life (Bios)**
- 3) **A necessary DEATH – OURS!** 1 Corinthians 15:36
  - a) **NOT everyone will go through PHYSICAL death:** 1 Thes. 4:16-17
  - b) **But ALL of us must die SPIRITUALLY if we’re to LIVE:** Luke 9:23
  - c) **If we’re to be united with JESUS in a LIFE like His, then we must be united with Him in His DEATH:** Galatians 2:20. See also: Romans 6:5; 2 Corinthians 5:15
  - d) **If we die to SELF – then our lives will bear the FRUIT of LIFE:** John 12:24. See also: Galatians 6:8
- 4) **A necessary CONFIDENCE:** 1 Corinthians 15:49. See Genesis 5:3
  - a) **ALL who TRUST in Jesus will be LIKE HIM:** Romans 8:29
  - b) **When HE RETURNS, we will be with HIM:** Col 3:4 See: Re 21:1-5
  - c) **So we WAIT as we LIVE in FAITH:** Romans 8:23–24a

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**“Gospel In Life” questions for REFLECTION & APPLICATION**

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with?
- 6) **PREPARE for NEXT WEEK:** Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58