

First Corinthians 15:42-50
Godward Resurrection part 5

Four contrasts of pre-resurrection and post-resurrection bodies—15:42-44

- 1) ⁴² *So also* (variations within a single category; cf. 15:39-41) *is the resurrection of the dead.*
 - All four illustrating the cycle from birth to death and resurrection
 - a) Variation # 1—*Sown in corruption/decay* [*phthora*], *raised in incorruption/undecayability* [*aphtharsia*].
 - b) Variation # 2—⁴³ *Sown in dishonor* [*atimia*], *raised in glory* [*doxa*].
 - c) Variation # 3—*Sown in weakness* [*astheneia*], *raised in power* [*dunamis*].
 - d) Variation # 4—⁴⁴ *Sown a natural* [*psuchikos*] *body, raised a spiritual* [*pneumatikos*] *body.*
- 2) Principle—*There is a natural* [*psuchikos*] (material/physical) *body, there is also a spiritual* [*pneumatikos*] *body.*

Four contrasts between Adam and Christ—15:45-49 (cf. 15:22)

- 1) Regarding **life**—15:45
 - a) Recipient—⁴⁵ *So also it is written* (with abiding authority) (cf. Genesis 2:7), *“The first man, Adam, became a living* [*zao*] *soul.”*
 - b) Source—*The last Adam became a life-giving* [*zoopoieo*] *spirit.*
- 2) Regarding **sequence**—15:46
 - a) Negatively—⁴⁶ *However the spiritual* [*pneumatikos*] *is not first,*
 - b) Positively—*but the natural* [*psuchikos*] (first), *and then the spiritual* [*pneumatikos*].
- 3) Regarding **mortality**—15:47-48
 - a) Mortality of Adam—⁴⁷ *The first man was from* [*ek*] *the earth, made of soil;*
 - b) Immortality of Christ—*the second man is the Lord from* [*ek*] *heaven.*
 - c) Mortality of humanity—⁴⁸ *Like the one made of soil, so also are those who are made of soil;*
 - d) Immortality of Christians—*and as is the heavenly one, so also are those who are heavenly.*
- 4) Regarding **image**—15:49
 - a) Past—⁴⁹ *And just as we have worn the image* [*eikon*] *of the man of soil,*
 - b) Future—*we will also wear the image* [*eikon*] *of the heavenly.*

Significant principle—15:50

- 1) Statement—⁵⁰ *Now this is what I am saying, brothers,*
 - a) Inability—*that flesh and blood are not able to inherit the kingdom of God;*
 - i) NB the kingdom is yet future
 - b) Impossibility—*nor does the corruption/decay* [*phthora*] *inherit the incorruption/undecayability* [*aphtharsia*]. (cf. 15:42)
- 2) Principle—we must be changed to match the nature of our inheritance (cf. 15:51)