

Victory or Nothing
1 Corinthians 15:35-58, Pew Bible p. 961-962
July 17, 2022

- I. The Nature of the Resurrection Body (vs. 35-44)**
 - A. The plant illustration
 - B. The creativity of God illustration
 - C. The comparison of the resurrection body to the earthly body
 1. Perishable vs. imperishable (vs. 42)
 2. Imperfect vs. perfect (vs. 43a)
 3. Weak vs. powerful (vs. 43b)
 4. Natural vs. spiritual (vs. 44)

- II. The Source of the Resurrection Body (vs. 45-49)**
 - A. The First Adam is the source of all death.
 - B. The Last Adam is the source of eternal life.

- III. The Victory of Christ's Resurrection (vs. 50-57)**
 - A. The fall of our ancestor (the First Adam) into sin and the resulting death ultimately leads every human to experience the same. (vs. 50)
 - B. Only the cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ breaks the power of sin and death so that followers of Christ become the recipients of His victory. (vs. 51-57)

- IV. The Motivation of the Resurrection (vs. 58)**
 - A. Because the resurrection of Jesus Christ affirms the future victory of every believer, our service to God's work on earth is to be done intentionally, enthusiastically, and sacrificially.
 1. The Gospel is the ONLY Good News. (Share it.)
 2. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the power that lives in each believer, so present tense change is indeed possible. (Want it.)
 3. The Christian church is the is the only true body of believers. (Serve in it.)

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-58.
2. Have you ever wondered what people who have died and are in Heaven will look like?
3. What does the illustration of the seed being planted into the ground and then the plant coming from that seed have to do with our resurrection and new body?
4. What aspect of the resurrection body do you look forward to?
5. What significance does Adam, the first man, have to do with the resurrection of Jesus?
6. What is the connection between the resurrection of Jesus and my present commitment to Jesus and my service to Him in the local church?
7. Pray that each member of our church will serve faithfully because of the assurance of our personal resurrection and our personal victory over sin and death. Consider attending the church prayer meeting every Sunday at 7pm. Register at the church website at www.apollobaptist.org.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Leviticus 17-19

July Memory Verses: Leviticus 18:1-5

Revelation 7:9-12

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 8/7/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for the Thailand mission trip

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, Jules S. in Thailand, and Apollo Mission Team in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
Marge D. – Salvation for son, Matthew
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
David T. & family (wife), Louise R. (husband), Ed G. & family (mother), and family of Phyllis W.
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (dialysis needed until kidney transplant), Debbie B. (health issues), Leon V. (chemo), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Marie B's husband (gaining strength), Twila D. (stroke), Wayne D. (declining health), Rebekah R.'s father, Keith B. (recovery from open-heart surgery), Ken & Darlene R. (health issues), Margaret J. (recovery from cancer surgery), Paul W. (recovery from neck surgery), Jan O. (vertigo), John E. (eyelid cancer), and Debbie P. (bronchitis)
- Others that you are aware of