

1 Corinthians 15:50-53

Resurrection Metamorphosis: We Shall All Be Changed!

Are we more concerned about the temporal *here* and now or with the eternal *there* and *then*?

What are the five words from today's sermon text that ought to bring Christians great comfort and much hope?

WHAT is meant when you say "Resurrection Metamorphosis?"

(1 Corinthians 15:51, 53; Phil. 3:20-21)

HOW will this remarkable change (transformation) take place?

(1 Corinthians 15:35-53; Phil. 3:20-21)

WHEN will this glorious resurrection metamorphosis take place?

(1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16-17)

WHY is a future bodily resurrection metamorphosis absolutely necessary?

(1 Corinthians 15:50; 1 John 3:2-3)

Application: ***Resurrection Hope and Gospel-Centered Encouragement***

See also Romans 8:18-23; 1 Cor. 15:35-54; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; 5:1-4; and Philippians 3:20-21

For Further Reflection/Application: *Lord help us to be effectually doers of the Word!*

Are you more concerned with the temporal *here* and *now* or with the eternal *there* and *then*?

Why are unbelievers often obsessed with physical health and one's physical appearance, and yet so negligent or nonchalant when it comes to matters of the soul/inner person and eternity future?

The lost world is often obsessed with fleeting (cosmetic) things, especially one's appearance. This partially explains the 8+ billion-dollar cosmetic surgery industry. Note the following Scriptures- Proverbs 31:30; 1 Sam. 16:7; Is. 40:1; Eccl. 3:20; 2 Cor. 4:16. 1 Pet. 3:3-4.

Talk about the practical, personal, and theological implications of these 5 words of truth: "We shall all be changed." What did the preacher mean when he said, "resurrection metamorphosis?"

Our church prayer chain includes many health concerns, people who are ailing with various sicknesses, and funeral announcements. What prayer requests within our church family have you heard about lately? Do you have any health-related prayer requests? Do any of your extended family/friends have any such prayer requests? How can we show care and concern?

If Christ redeemed our soul but did not also promise us to give us a (new) glorified body (tailor made for eternity), why would this be cause for concern? Think about it this way: One can have tons of money and live in a beautiful place with the "perfect" climate (where it is 70 and sunny everyday), but if they experience significant physical pain every day and have Alzheimer's, are they truly able to enjoy their best life now? We are not yet what we shall one day be (believer)! For all Christians, the best is yet to come! We are not "home" yet!

Read Rom. 8:18-30. Philippians 3:20-21. 1 Cor. 15:50-58. 2 Cor. 4:16-18; 5:1-4. 1 Jn 3:2-3.

How does Christ's bodily resurrection (1 Cor. 15:1-19), something that happened long ago, bring hope to beleaguered believers today? How should the promise of a future, perfect, (new and improved) glorified body impact the present, here and now? (see vv. 20-53). When reading the Holy Scriptures please remember that the past and future are intended to influence the present. Biblical history and biblical prophecy are very practical and quite important.

People need to know that there is a future resurrection unto eternal life and a future resurrection unto eternal destruction (John 5:28-29; Acts 17:30-34). Death is not the end. Hebrews 9:27; John 3:36; Revelation 20:11-15.

Try and harmonize what's taught in 1 Cor 15:35-53 with Matthew 24:31, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; and Revelation 20:4. Next, consult the related comments in the MacArthur Study Bible.

What were some of the practical applications that Pastor Caleb mentioned during today's sermon? If you are a believer, how do these Scriptural truths bring hope? How do they bring comfort and peace and rest? What songs highlight the main points from today's sermon?

Who in your circle of influence needs to receive some loving, Gospel-centered encouragement? Write that person a card or call them on the phone... "Comfort one another" with these truths.

Outline of 1 Corinthians 15:35-49 (Easter 2023 msg. recap)

Resurrection Hope and Encouragement: The Redemption of Body and Soul

The Resurrection Dilemma. (1 Cor. 15:35)

The Resurrection Analogy. (1 Cor. 15:36-38)

The Resurrection Elaboration. (1 Cor. 15:39-41)

The Resurrection Harvest. (1 Cor. 15:42-44)

(the Resurrection Transformation OR the Resurrection Contrast)

The Resurrection Parallel. (Adam and Christ) (1 Cor. 15:45-49)

In view of previous 1 Corinthians 15 messages:

I) *We must hold fast the gospel msg (verses 3-4) and proclaim it with love and conviction;* (Romans 1:16-17).

People need to know that there is a future resurrection unto eternal life and a future resurrection unto eternal destruction (John 5:28-29; Acts 17:30-34). Death is not the end.

II) *We must encourage one another with these words!*

I know some of you ache today because you miss your Christian loved one so very much... Please know that physical death is infinite gain for all who truly love the Lord Jesus Christ! (Rev 21:4f; Phil. 1:21)). Jesus is not only preparing a heavenly place for us, He also promises to prepare us for that heavenly place!

III) *With renewed focus & fervor let us labor for Christ with all of our might!*

In the words of C.H. Spurgeon, “We are not to be living specimens of men in fine preservation, but living sacrifices, whose lot is to be consumed; we are to spend and to be spent.” We need to understand (per **1 Cor 15:58**) that in the Lord our toil is not in vain! Don’t slow down, give up, or look back! (Philippians 3:12-14) Keep on keeping on in and for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Previous 1 Corinthians 15 sermon expositions can be found our LCBC website at <https://www.lakecountrybible.org/>