

# **The Christian's Eternal Body**

Series: *Life After Death - Message 3*

Text: *1 Corinthians 15:35-50*

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## **I. THE COMPARISON (v. 36-41)**

- A. Seed and grain (v. 36-38)
- B. Human and animal bodies (v. 39)
- C. Earthly and heavenly bodies (v. 40-41)

## **II. THE CONTRAST (v. 42-49)**

- A. The earthly body is corruptible (v. 42)
- B. The earthly body is sown (buried) in dishonor; the eternal body will be raised in glory (v. 43)
- C. The earthly body is buried in weakness; the eternal body will be raised in power (v. 43)
- D. The earthly body is sown (buried) a natural (physical) body; it is raised a spiritual body (v. 44)
- E. The first man (Adam) was a living soul; the last man (Christ) was made a quickening (life-giving) spirit (v. 45)
- F. The first body we receive is human (fleshly), while the second body is spiritual and heavenly (v. 46)
- G. Adam was made from the dust of the earth and is earthly, but Christ came from heaven and is heavenly (v. 47)
- H. Just as the Christian has borne the image of the earthly (fleshly) body, we will also bear the image of the heavenly body (v. 48-49)

## **III. THE CHANGE (v. 50-57)**

change - Greek: al-las-so - to make different

- A. The reason for the change (v. 50)
  - 1) The human body is not suitable for the eternal environment
  - 2) The human body is corruptible
- B. The recipients of the change (v. 51 - "*we shall ALL*")
- C. The rapidity or speed of the change (v. 52)
- D. The reality (fact, certainty) of the change (v. 52 - "*and we shall be changed*")
- E. The results of the change (v. 53-57)
  - 1) The corruptible will become incorruptible
  - 2) The mortal will become immortal
  - 3) The Scripture will be fulfilled (*Isa. 25:8 - Death will be swallowed up in victory*)
  - 4) The Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified (v. 57). Saints will thank and praise Him FOREVER!