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1 Corinthians 1:2 (NIV) To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ--their Lord and ours:

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1 Corinthians 15:35 (TM)

Some skeptic is sure to ask, 'Show me how resurrection works. Give me a diagram; draw me a picture. What does this 'resurrection body' look like?'

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1 Corinthians 15:35 (NIV)

But someone may ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?"

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I. HOW RESURRECTION WORKS vs.36-41

A. The old must pass away for the new to come. v.36

³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

John 12:24 (NIV) I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

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I. HOW RESURRECTION WORKS vs.36-41

B. The new looks very different from the old.

v.37

³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

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I. HOW RESURRECTION WORKS vs.36-41

C. The old and new have similarities. v.38

³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

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II. PERFECTLY SUITED FOR Eternity vs.39-41

A. The earthly creation is perfectly suited for earth. v.39

³⁹ All flesh is not the same: Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another.

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II. PERFECTLY SUITED FOR Eternity vs.39-41

B. The heavenly creation is perfectly suited for the heavens. v.41

⁴¹ The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

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II. PERFECTLY SUITED FOR Eternity vs.39-41

C. The resurrected body is perfectly suited for our eternal dwelling. v.50

⁵⁰I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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II. PERFECTLY SUITED FOR Eternity vs.39-41

C. The resurrected body is perfectly suited for our eternal dwelling. v.50

Philippians 3:20-21 (NIV) ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

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III. WHAT OUR RESURRECTION BODIES WILL BE LIKE vs.42-44

A. They will be “imperishable”. v.42

⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;

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III. WHAT OUR RESURRECTION BODIES WILL BE LIKE vs.42-44

A. They will be “imperishable”. v.42

1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade-- kept in heaven for you,

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III. WHAT OUR RESURRECTION BODIES WILL BE LIKE vs.42-44

B. They will be “glorious”. v.43a

⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory;

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV) And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with

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⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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C. They will be “powerful”. v.43b

^{43b} ...it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power

2 Corinthians 5:4 (NIV) For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is

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III. WHAT OUR RESURRECTION BODIES WILL BE LIKE vs.42-44

C. They will be “powerful”. v.43b

^{43b} ...it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power
mortal may be swallowed up by life.

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III. WHAT OUR RESURRECTION BODIES WILL BE LIKE vs.42-44

D. They will be “spiritual”. v.44

⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

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III. WHAT OUR RESURRECTION BODIES WILL BE LIKE vs.42-44

D. They will be “spiritual”. v.44

2 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV) But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

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III. WHAT OUR RESURRECTION BODIES WILL BE LIKE vs.42-44

D. They will be “spiritual”. v.44

2 Corinthians 4:16 (NIV) Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

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IV. YOUR BODY DEPENDS ON YOUR INHERITANCE VS.45-49

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 (NIV) ⁴⁵ So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven.

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IV. YOUR BODY DEPENDS ON YOUR INHERITANCE VS.45-49

⁴⁸ As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

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IV. YOUR BODY DEPENDS ON YOUR INHERITANCE VS.45-49

A. Your inheritance from the “first Adam”

A living being

Natural

Earthly (dust)

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IV. YOUR BODY DEPENDS ON YOUR INHERITANCE VS.45-49

B. Your inheritance from the “last Adam”

A life giving spirit

Spiritual

Heavenly

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John 11:25-26 (NIV)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"



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