

1 Corinthians 15:35-58 Contrasts

(35) But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” (36) You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. (37) And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. (38) But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

Earthly, Natural Body, Perishable, Mortal	Heavenly, Spirit Body, Imperishable, Immortal
(39) For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.	
and earthly bodies,	(40) There are heavenly bodies
and the glory of the earthly is of another.	but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind,
	(41) There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.
(42) So is it with the resurrection of the dead.	
What is sown is perishable;	what is raised is imperishable.
(43) It is sown in dishonor;	it is raised in glory.
It is sown in weakness;	it is raised in power.
(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.
(45) Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being (soul)”;	the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.
(46) But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural,	and then the spiritual.
(47) The first man was from the earth, a man of dust;	the second man is from heaven.
(48) As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust,	and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.
(49) Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust,	we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.
(50) I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit	the kingdom of God,
nor does the perishable inherit	the imperishable.
(51) Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,	
(52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.	
(53) For this perishable body must	put on the imperishable,
and this mortal body must	put on immortality.
(54) When the perishable	puts on the imperishable,
and the mortal	puts on immortality,
then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”	

(55) “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” (56) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. (57) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (58) Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.