

Mt. Lebanon Church.

The Natural Body, The Spiritual Body – Bible Study – Part 1

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you have run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the bible study.

1 Corinthians 15: 35 – 58

God made man of his own image and likeness. He gave man a mind to think, to feel emotions, and a will to make choices. And even though man was appointed and destined to rule over the whole earth, he was still dependent upon God, and willingly submissive to him.

Romans 12:2,....do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God....

As Christians, we are not very useful to God if all we do is to conform to the world around us. What is the key to overcoming this, be transformed. Through salvation we have begun this transformation. By continually renewing our minds through the word of God and prayer we will be able to prove what is good and acceptable and the perfect will of God.

Matthew 13: 36 – 43, when Christ told the parable of the tares and the wheat, he made this promise,....then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father....

God, who had spoken the universe into existence, took a part of this creation and formed it into man.

Genesis 2: 7,....and the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground.... Which we will talk about a little later on, and it was the very breath of God himself that breathed his own life into a lifeless man.

Mankind can explain many things about our existence, but, cannot tell us why we exist. Mankind cannot create life, nor can he explain how it could be that life exist in the first place.

Life is a gift from God, a blessing no one deserves, it is entirely out of our control.

Ephesians 2:8,....for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God....

Our natural life was graciously given to us through Gods creation so that we might accept and our spiritual life through salvation. God has a purpose for each and everyone he has created. We cannot experience this purpose through the natural man, but through salvation we can begin to experience the goodness and fullness of God in our lives through the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit. By this we can begin to see our life and the purpose that God has created each one for.

As we begin our bible study on the natural body, the spiritual body, we are going to use as our main scripture:

1 Corinthians 15: 35 – 58,....how are the dead raised up. And with what body do they come....

Here, in this passage of scripture, Paul is addressing the church at Corinth, who was saying that there is no resurrection from the dead.

Paul told the Corinthian people, that to make a statement of that nature was very foolish, because all around us are examples of things resurrected. He starts out by using plant life as an example. Seeds are put into the ground, they lose their consistency, they die, but, out of it emerges another kind or form of body. What springs forth is not another seed like the one put in the ground, but a green stem. The green stem does not look like the seed, but, is a part of the seed. It is not the same, but, yet it is the same, without being similar. So, what is the green stem. What kind of body is it. For this Paul uses the human body, as well as, animals, fish, and birds which are all different from one another. Even though

there is a visible difference, there is an inner difference of nature as well, but, there is a correspondence between what the body looks like on the outside and what the inside is like. The correspondence is a symbol of the qualities of our being and God uses this to demonstrate to us the truth about ourselves.

Paul then tells us that there are two divisions of bodies, celestial and terrestrial. Celestial or heavenly bodies, which is the sun, moon, stars and planets. Terrestrial or earthly bodies, which is mankind, animals, birds and fish. Heavenly bodies shine forth, Earthly bodies function. Heavenly bodies are unlimited, Earthly bodies have limitations. Heavenly bodies have an effect of realization on all things, earthly bodies respond to that effect. This is the difference in the glory of each of us as well. So, we see that there is a resurrection from the dead and a body that goes along with it.

This brings us to the body.

So, when we die our bodies are buried, (sown to corruption). They begin to decay, just like the seed we talked about. But, as it is decaying, it is getting ready to spring forth a green stem, so to speak. This green stem is new, not subject to decay, but newness of life, (raised in incorruption).

Sown in dishonor, sown in weakness, raised in glory, raised in power. Gods choice for us is to except his grace, receive this new form or body with glory and power.

There is a natural body, there is a spiritual body. Sown a natural body, which is one that requires a lot of sustenance to exist, which is physical sustenance in this life. Raised a spiritual body which only requires the Spirit of God to exist. The spiritual body does not require physical sustenance to have life, but, can participate in such for enjoyment in life eternal.

However, the spiritual body is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

There are still a lot of unanswered questions and explanations, as well as scriptures that need to be given on this passage of scripture in 1 Corinthians, which we will continue to address as we go through our bible study on The Natural Body and The Spiritual Body.

So, let us start now with our study on the Natural Body.

There is so much to talk about concerning the naturel body, the spiritual body, so as we continue through the bible study, I will continue to send updates.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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