

What Easter Means for US!

I Corinthians 15

³⁵ But someone may ask, "How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?" ³⁶ What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first. ³⁷ And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. ³⁸ Then God gives it the new body He wants it to have.And even the stars differ from each other in their glory.⁴² It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. ⁴³ Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. ⁴⁴ They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies.....⁴⁵ The Scriptures tell us, "The first man, Adam, became a living person." But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit. ⁴⁶ What comes first is the natural body, then the spiritual body comes later. ⁴⁷ Adam, the first man, was made from the dust of the earth, while Christ, the second man, came from heaven. ⁴⁸ Earthly people are like the earthly man, and heavenly people are like the heavenly man. ⁴⁹ Just as we are now like the earthly man, we will someday be like the heavenly man.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever.

⁵¹ But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! ⁵² It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. ⁵³ For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.

⁵⁴ Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

⁵⁶ For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. ⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. I Corinthians 15:35-58

Jesus Left the Grave Behind and SO WILL I !! What Will it be like?

1. We Will Have to Plant SEEDS! (36)

When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first.... (36)

Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in Me and believes in Me will never ever die. Do you believe this...? John 11:25f-26

2. We Will Have Our Own PERSONALIZED MODEL ! (38-42)

³⁸ Then God gives it the new body He wants it to have.And even the stars differ from each other in their glory.⁴² It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. I Corinthians 15:38-42

3. We Will Be PERFECT! (43-44)

Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. ⁴³ Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. ⁴⁴ They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. I Corinthians 15:43-44

It Will Be Glorious

It Will Be Stronger

It Will Be Spiritual

4. We Will Be Like **J E S U S**! (45-49)

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⁴⁹ Just as we are now like the earthly man, we will someday be like the heavenly man.

I Corinthians 15:45-49

²but He has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He really is.

I John 3:2

5. We Will Be **V I C T O R I O U S**! (51-55)

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I Corinthians 15:51-55

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