**24th April 2022 Burmah Road Gospel Hall**

Local **D**oubts calling for **D**octrine. Ch. 15

a. Doubts regarding the Resurrection of **B**uried **B**elievers. 15:1-34

 *Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead,* ***how say some*** *among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead,*

 *then is Christ not risen:* 15:12, 13

b. Doubts regarding the Resurrection **B**ody. 15:35-58

***Some man will say****, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?* 15:35

**Previous Conclusion:**

**Jesus MUST Rise from** the Dead:- 15:1-34

**It is a Condition of the Full Gospel.**

Testified to by the **W**ord, **W**itnesses, and the **W**riter (including Faithful **W**omen) 15:1-11

**It is the Only Conclusion one can arrive at**…

Rationally - *if…then* 15:12-19

Eschatologically – ***every man in his own order****:* 15:23

*Christ the Firstfruits*

 cf. Jas. 1:18 **-** *we should be* ***a kind of firstfruits*** *of His creatures.*

***then cometh the end***15:20-28

**Only it can End in the Consummation of all Ages**

 Hence, the **D**aring to be a **D**aniel!15:29-34

**A. THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST I Cor. 15:1-34**

**B. THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY** [The Problem:…] **I Cor. 15:35-58**
 *But* ***some man will say****, How are the dead raised up?*

 *and with what body do they come?* 15:35

**1. The Nature of the Resurrection Body. 15:35-50**

a. Each creation has its own body and glory. 15:36-41

i. The Natur**al** - *God giveth…every seed his own body.*

ii. The Terrestri**al** - *All flesh is not the same flesh:*

 *but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes,*

 *and another of birds.*

iii. The Celesti**al** - *the sun…the moon…the stars*

***The glory of the celestial is one,***

***and the glory of the terrestrial is another****.*

b. Death changes the nature of the Body.

 (in General)… 15:42-50 (36)

i. A **S**eed **dies** to become a **S**eedling 15:36, 37-38; cf. **Jn. 12:24, 25**

ii. A **S**inner dies to become a **S**aint. cf. 15:31; Gal. 2:20

iii. A “**S**oul” in its natural body dies to become (**S**pirit)ual. 15:44, 45

 (Specific) – The Changes to the Body:

i. No more **D**ecay – 15:42

 *Sown in corruption…raised in incorruption*.

ii) No more **D**ishonour – 15:43

 *Sown in dishonor…raised in glory*

iii) No more **D**ebility – 15:43

 *Sown in weakness…raised in power*

iv. No more **D**epravity – 15:44

 *Sown a natural body….raised a spiritual body*

b. Death changes the nature of the Body. 15:42-50 (36)

c. The Fruit [Plant] takes after its Seed. 15:45-50

**The First Adam | The Last Adam**

1. Made a **L**iving **S**oul. | A **L**ife-giving **S**pirit. 15:45
2. Natur**al**. | Spiritu**al**. 15:46
3. Earth**y**. | Heavenly 15:47

 **Conclusion**: Only death & resurrection can **transform** the nature of the body.  15:48-50

 **Cf. Rom. 12:2 [***metamorphoō*]

* **An Aside:
1 John 3:2 (NKJV)***Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed,* ***we shall be like Him****,* ***for we shall see Him as He is****.*
* Can we **R**ecognise the **R**esurrected Jesus?

*The two disciples on way to Emmaus could not.* Lk. 24:16

*Mary Magdalene could not.* Jn. 20:14

*The Ten in the Upper room Recognised the Lord.* Jn. 20:25

*Many others could – the* ***W****itnesses!* I Cor. 15:5-8; Acts 1:3

* Could we **R**ecognise those **R**elated to us?

Peter, James and John recognised:

 The Transfigured Jesus; Moses and Elijah. Mt. 17:4

The rich man recognised Lazarus and Abraham. Lk. 16:23

**1. The Nature of the Resurrection Body. I Cor. 15:35-50**

**The New Revealed Mystery 15:51-58**

 ***The Mystery:* Eph. 3:3-12**

 **Concealed in the OT; Revealed in the NT**

 **(*A Mystery* – I Cor. 15:51; I Thes. 4:13-17)**

**The Two Resurrections in the OT. Dan. 12:2**

**The Rapture in the First Resurrection. (Rev. 20:6)**

**The Repentance of Israel and the Kingdom (Dan 12:1)**

**The Second Resurrection and the Second Death**

a. The **P**eople Involved 15:51

1. "*We*", i.e. excluding the "*flesh and blood*” 15:50
2. "*Not all sleep*", i.e. **the believing living**.
3. “*We shall all be changed",* I Cor. 15:50

i.e. the believing sleeping and living

1. *them which are asleep.* I Thes. 4:13
2. *- the dead in Christ shall rise first*. 4:16
3. *Then we which are alive and remain.* 4:17

**2. The New Revealed Mystery 15:51-58**

a. The **P**eople Involved 15:51

b. The **P**rocess Involved. 15:52

i. A "**M**oment"-ous **T**ransformation.

At the **M**ilitary **S**hout from the Lord. I Thes. 4:16

At **M**ichael's (? Jude 9) **S**ound (Gk. *phone*)

At **M**ighty God’s **T**rumpet.

**2. The New Revealed Mystery.**

1. The **P**eople Involved 15:51
2. The **P**rocess Involved. 15:52
3. The **P**urifying and its **P**ermanency. 15:53
*This corruptible must put on* ***I****ncorruption,
and this mortal must put on* ***I****mmortality*

**3. The Notable Royal Victory.**

1. **D**eath is **S**wallowed up. 15:54-56 cf. 26
2. Resurrection of the **S**aviour guarantees the Resurrection of **S**aints. 15:57
3. That your **W**ork may not be **W**orthless (Empty).
4. Right **D**octrine commands Right **D**eportment.

***KNOW - BE – DO* 15:58**

 Continue ***Be***ing… (Present imperative)...

\* **F**irm and steadfast in your **S**ureness *of* the Lord;

\* **F**ixed and unmovable in your **S**tand *in* the Lord;

\* **F**ervent and **F**ruitful in your **S**ervice *for* the Lord;

 and **W**ork to the point of **W**eariness.

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