

**The Same but Different:
The resurrection body
1 Cor 15:35-58**

“How are the dead raised? What kind of body will they come back with?”

We'll be the same person... (36-41)

“What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.”

The principle of death giving birth to a new kind of life is woven into the very fabric of creation.

The core identity of a daisy, its DNA, is the same whether it's a seed or a plant.

We don't need to know the details of what our new bodies will be like. All we need to know is that we will still be ourselves and that our new bodies will fit in with God's new creation.

But transformed (42-44)

Paul uses four words to talk about the resurrection body; *imperishable, glory, power, and spiritual.*

Imperishable

[It] is sown... perishable, it is raised imperishable.

Glory

it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory.

“... just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, [Adam] so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven [Christ].” (v49)

Power

it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power

Spirit

it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body

Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.(1 Cor 13.12)

In the meantime...

We have no need to fear death

“Death has been swallowed up in victory...”

And we can live today in light of our future