



The Spiritual Adam

I'd like to continue the study of the soul in Corinthians with The Spiritual Adam. Let's begin with two amazing questions presented in the following verse.

(1 Cor 15:35) But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

Upon reading these, the Christian man and woman would need to pause and reflect upon it, wondering just what its answers really are. This teaching is devoted to finding those answers. *How are the dead raised up? And, with what body do they come?*



(1 Cor 15:36-40) Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: {37} And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: {38} But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. {39} 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. {40} There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

What bare grain is it that you and every other person sows? This bare grain isn't the glory that shall follow. It is merely the sown seed. Every seed in existence bares almost no resemblance to that which it produces. The seed of man provides one of the greatest examples of this for that tiny sperm has a look all its own. Your body and soul are like that too, in that they bear no resemblance to that which will be produced. A seed has life in and of itself, but, don't forget, something else gave it up.

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When you die, what is it but that your soul dies first, and then your body ceases to function. But this is not the end. As a Christian, something very special is planned for you. This bare grain, your body and soul, will give way to a new body and life-form. *In this very unique way, God gave the soul of the Christian an inheritance in that life will live on, albeit in a different form.* But this inheritance cannot happen naturally. It must take place super-naturally via a unique and wonderful spiritual transformation – something completely out of the control of man. So, how are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?

(1 Cor 15:41-50) There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another

glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. {42} So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: {43} It is sown in dishonour; 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. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. {45} And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. {46} Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. {47} The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. {48} As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. {49} And as we have borne the

image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. {50} Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

The Old and the New

These verses provided us with a fantastic contrast of the old with the new, of man with The Spiritual Adam. In order to get through the translation problems in some of these verses, as well as to find the deeper meanings of many of the key words used, we need to take each verse, one at a time, and study those things. Let's start with verse 42.

(1 Cor 15:42) So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

“Resurrection” means, “standing

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up again.” “Dead” means, “corpse.” Life is its opposite. “Sown” means, “to scatter.” This happens just like when seeding the ground with seeds. Finally “corruption” means, “ruin,” as in the opposite of an “unending existence.” Here is a literal translation according to usage:

So also is the standing up again of the corpse. It is scattered in ruin; it is roused from sleep in an unending existence.

(1 Cor 15:43) It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

“Dishonour” means, “shame,” as in the opposite of glory. “Glory” means, “dignity.” “Weakness” means, “feebleness or sickness.” The opposite of weakness is “to be enabled.” “Power” is *dunamis* (Greek) meaning “inherent power.” It is the word often

translated “miracle.” Here is a literal translation according to usage:

It is scattered in shame; it is roused from sleep in dignity: it is scattered in feebleness; it is roused from sleep in tremendous inherent power.

(1 Cor 15:44) It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

“Natural” comes from *psuchikos* (Greek), a derivative of soul, and it refers to “man’s sensitive nature – the ability to sense things emotionally.” “Raised” means, “to be awakened.” It refers to the idea of collecting one’s faculties. It is a rousing from sleep.

“Spiritual” refers to a non-carnal situation. The new body will not be a carnal, or fleshly

body. It will be a body under the realm of spiritual matters, much like the Christian’s gift of holy spirit, complete with nine manifestations – a mere token of this which is to come.

There are those who attain a “spiritual state of mind and activity” in this life. “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.” (Gal 6:1) From this, we learn that

this “spiritual matter” body will not be bound by any constraints of the flesh whatsoever.

Here is a literal translation according to usage:

It is scattered an emotional, sensual body; it is awakened in a body of spiritual matter. There is an emotional, sensual body, and there is spiritual

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matter [body is not in the text].

(1 Cor 15:45) And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

“First” refers to the foremost of this situation – the very first one. In this case, it is talking about “the very first man.” He was called Adam. “Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.” (Rom 5:14) This Adam came first.

“Living soul” means, “alive breath.” There is no verb form “to be” in Greek or Hebrew, but there is a Greek word used in this verse for “became.” Man “became” this way after the body was formed. Genesis says

exactly that. “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” (Gen 2:7)

“Last” refers to “the farthest, final, end of the line of development.” You may be familiar with this verse: “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” (1 Cor 15:22) This “last Adam” is not called a “man.” He is called “the last Adam.” The last Adam is literally a “quickenning spirit.” “Quickenning” means, “vitalized.” *At this time, man no longer exists.*

The terms “man” and “living soul” are synonymous. The terms “last Adam” and “Quickenning spirit” are synonymous. Here is a literal translation according to usage:

So also it has been written,

the foremost man Adam became an alive breath; the final development of Adam – vitalized spirit [“man” no longer exists in any form].

(1 Cor 15:46) Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

“First” refers to “the foremost or former man.” “Afterward” refers to what happens “thereafter.” Formerly, there was a natural man; thereafter, there will be a spiritual “Adam.” “Adam” is understood; it is also understood that there will no longer be man. Here is a literal translation according to usage:

But, the foremost or former man – not spiritual, but natural, thereafter, spiritual matter.

(1 Cor 15:47) The first man is

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of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

“Earth” refers to “the soil upon which we stand.” It is “ground.” “Earthy” is a poor translation and should be translated “made of dust.” This is what it also says in Genesis: “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” (Gen 2:7)

The words “the Lord” are not in the text. This is a forgery. Cross it out. The phrase “the second man is the Lord from heaven” should read, “the second man out of heaven.” The verse literally reads:

The first man out of the earth, made of dust: the second man out of heaven [“made of spiritual matter” - understood].

(1 Cor 15:48) As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

Again, we have a sorely mistranslated verse. It should read: “Such as he made of dust, such also [are] those made of dust; and such as the heavenly [one], such also the heavenly [ones].” *Genesis teaches us a tremendously vital concept and cardinal rule: “after its kind.”*

“And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, ...” (Gen 1:24) God followed this principle throughout His entire creation.

(1 Cor 15:49) And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

I like to explain this verse by

saying that “the proof is in the pudding.” We all are well aware of the fact that we have born the image of the one made of dust (text); we should bear also the image of the heavenly one. Here is a literal translation according to usage:

And according as we burdened the image of the [one] made of dust, we should bear the image of heavenly [spiritual matter].

(1 Cor 15:50) Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Flesh and blood (ones from dust) cannot become heir to God’s realm. God’s realm is

spiritual. This is why man must first become a spiritual man in order to enjoy God’s realm. First comes the body and soul, then the

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gift of holy spirit when you are born again, then the new body of spiritual matter. God can't change the fact that His realm is spiritual through and through. This realm never did, and never will have anything to do with flesh and blood. To understand this, God used the examples of corruption and incorruption. Decay and ruin cannot be heir to or with an unending existence. Decay eventually over takes and destroys everything in its path. This is why God had to intervene and remove all onuses of that which was related to dust. But let's not quickly talk down such a humble beginning.

Dust represents the finest collection of God's creation – earth!

It fully embodies all Godly design of earth's goodness. God made man from this ever-so-fine, albeit humble substance. But, no matter how good this dust was,

and no matter how remarkable it continued to become, it could never surpass things of heaven, spiritual matter. Dust caused God's creation of earth to rise out of the ashes and climb to startling new heights of grandeur, but dust could go no further. In order to allow man to go further, God had to completely redesign his form. *This redesign into a truly and totally spiritual being – called a spiritual Adam – would take him into God's kingdom, where God wanted him from the beginning.* The soul worked supremely well with God's creation of dust out of which all living creatures came. It served both man and God well! Soon, it will be time for a transformation, allowing this unique inheritance into spiritual matter to take place. Soon, man will cease to exist, and God's spiritual Adams will reign in a

new and exciting earth. Here is a literal translation according to usage:

But this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot be an heir to the realm of God, neither can ruin be an heir to an unending existence.

I'd like to provide you with a complete literal translation of 1 Corinthians 15:42-50:

So also is the standing up again of the corpse. It is scattered in ruin; it is roused from sleep in an unending existence. It is scattered in shame; it is roused from sleep in dignity: it is scattered in feebleness; it is roused from sleep in tremendous inherent power. It is scattered an emotional, sensual body; it is awakened in a body of spiritual matter. There is an emotional, sensual body, and

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there is spiritual matter [body is not in the text]. So also it has been written, the foremost man Adam became an alive breath; the final development of Adam – vitalized spirit [“man” no longer exists in any form]. But, the foremost or former man – not spiritual, but natural, thereafter, spiritual matter. The first man out of the earth, made of dust: the second man out of heaven [“made of spiritual matter” - understood]. Such as he made of dust, such also [are] those made of dust; and such as the heavenly [spiritual matter] [one], such also the heavenly [spiritual matter] [ones]. And according as we burdened the image of the [one] made of dust, we should bear the image of heavenly [spiritual matter]. But this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot be an heir to the realm of God, neither can ruin be an

heir to an unending existence.

You were man, a corpse, ruined, shamed, feeble and sick, emotional and sensual; with breath – a living soul; not spiritual in matter; made of dust; and burdened with the same – men and women of flesh and blood – heir to earth and dust at best.

You will be the spiritual Adams, upstanding; roused from sleep; dignified and enabled with tremendous inherent power; awakened into a new form of spiritual matter – a vitalized spirit; a spiritual, heavenly Adam – never again a man to be; bearing a new image of spiritual matter; heir to an unending and perfect existence.

Now, you should understand how the dead are raised up and with what body with WILL come!

Much love in Christ,

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