

MS. A. 2.3. 60
MCC. 9/25/60

A Spiritual Body
Continued 15:12-5d.

Antwo: Certain chapters in the Bible
have become identified with
certain great spiritual truths.
Jesus established, with some
renunciation.

The importance of the resurrection
is mentioned by Paul in v. 19.
In other words, what he is
saying is this: Jesus is given
as vital connection between
what God is doing now in the
lives of His people with what
He will do at the resurrection.
That is to say, with the future
rendezvous here present meaningless.

Now in talking about the resurrection
Paul makes some statements
of contrast-between the body now
(as compared with what it will
be. Read v. 42-44.

The last mentioned is "a
spiritual body" - and the
expressions that go with it
are:

- (1) Discomposition (v. 42).
- (2) Glory (v. 43).
- (3) Power (v. 43).

One point is clear at

the resurrection "we shall be changed" (v.52), and that that change will result in a spiritual body which will display glory and power in incorruption.

And this will be the victory! And this explains the purpose God had in saving us.

If some one were to ask you what is the real reason that God has saved you, what would you say?

To keep you out of hell
To forgive your sins
To save you from trouble
All are true, but they are not the basic reason. Let us just take the word glory and following it through see what God had in mind when He said us:

I. How can you describe the ~~glory~~ character of God? Read John 1:14. See also Ex. 40:34, 35.

II. Why did God create man? Cf. Isa. 43:7.

What a lie Satan told Eve in Gen. 3:5.

III. What happened to the glory? Romans 3:23, not just the glory of doing, but the glory of being.

IV. What is our hope now?
Is God's purpose forever
frustrated? Read Romans
5:1,2; 8:16-18.

V. What will be the nature of
this glory? Read 1 Cor. 15:47, 49;
Phil. 3:20, 21. -- JUST LIKE THE
WORLD JESUS. Rom. 8:28, 29.

VI. What happens in the meantime?
2 Cor. 3:18.

And this is the whole purpose
of our salvation. This is the
objection of Christian life
and growth.

We come back to the Holy Spirit
and to the Word, because as
the Holy Spirit lets us behold
Christ in the Word the effect
is revolutionary -- we are
being changed.

Do you suppose other people
can see this change in you
and me? Haven't you known
Christians who reminded you of
the Lord?

Conclusion: This is why Paul could
say (and this is the
practical application of
the message) 1 Cor. 15:58.
There are no impossible

cases with the Lord. Note how far the Corinthians had to go.

The work of the Lord is His work in His people -- not great churches, but great saints. And it takes a godly ministry to produce godly people.