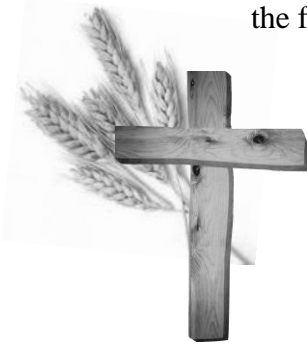


**“RAISE THE DEAD”**  
***2018 Resurrection Day Series***  
***Studies in 1 Corinthians 15***

**Introduction:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fruits is the last of three spring “holidays” of Israel. Having sacrificed a Passover lamb three days prior and purified the city of leaven, the High Priest waved the first sprig of barley wheat heavenward. At His first coming the Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth, fulfilled the prophetic requirement of all three feast days:



- 1) Jesus is our sacrifice Passover Lamb
- 2) He removes and cleanses our lives of sin/leaven and
- 3) He is the first of a whole harvest of people that will rise up from the grave.

Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24 and John 20 record the miraculous resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many wonderful facts about our future resurrection can be learned from those eye-witness accounts and from the Holy Spirit’s teachings through Apostle Paul in *1 Corinthians 15*.

About AD 56 the church in Corinth, Greece had been infiltrated by false teachers who undermined the unity, morality and theology of the Christians. *1 Corinthians 15* is about the absolute necessity and certainty of a literal, physical resurrection for the followers of Jesus Christ. The first 34 verses prove the resurrection theologically, logically, and historically. Verses 35 through 58 prove it scientifically and prophetically.

**“THE BELIEVERS’ NEW CLOTHES”**  
***The Fabric of Your Born-Again Birthday Suit***  
*1 Corinthians 15:35-44*

*“But someone will say, “How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?” Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain. But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.”*  
*1 Corinthians 15:35-38*

- What you are at death you will be forever
- What you are now will be an eternal attire

## **The Fashion Statement of Your Resurrection Body**

*“All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh<sup>1</sup> of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.”*  
1 Corinthians 15:39-44

- Scientific proof from nature
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Scriptural proof from the Savior

## **The Fitting Room for Your Heavenly Body**

*“And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.”*  
1 Corinthians 15:45-50

- Natural first; spiritual last
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Earthly first; heavenly second