

Not Yet Revealed

- *We are now children of God!*
- *Not yet revealed*
- *what we shall be*
- *when He is revealed,*
- *we shall be like Him,*
- *for we shall see Him as He is 1Jn 1:2-3*

Sound Familiar?

- *Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.*
1 Peter 1:10-12

More Details... More Confusing

- *Jesus answered and said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. 35 But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; 36 nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.” Lk. 20:34-37*

A Power Beyond ourComprehension

- *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,*
- *21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself.*
Phil. 3:20-21

Yet, The Details Do Not Help

- *Not yet revealed what we shall be when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is*
- *neither marry nor are given in marriage; 36 nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.*
- *will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,*
- *Is it clear now? Can we visualize it clearly now that we have these details?*

There is No Answer

- *How are the dead raised?*
- *And with what kind of body do they come?*
- *Can't give an answer... only an illustration!*
- *Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. 37 And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain — perhaps wheat or some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. I Cor 15:35-38*

The Real Problem and Dilemma

- *And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for **the former things have passed away.**" 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "**Behold, I make all things new.**" And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." Rev 21:4-5*
- We have nothing here to compare it to.
- Can't go from known to unknown ... It's all unknown!

A Very Important Foundation

- *according to the working by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself.*
- *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. Jn. 1:1-4*

Things Subjected to His Power

- *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For **by Him** all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him.** 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. Col 1:15-17*

The Material Creation

- This is our point of reference.
- What the Word did with the first creation...
- He will do again in the second creation.
- This is the only known to unknown that we can use and understand.

The First Illustration

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The Third Day of Creation

- *Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. Gen 1:11-12*
- Who could take this passage and imagine all the fullness of what it actually meant!
- Grass, Herbs, Trees – a brief summation of the entire world of vegetation!



sunflower seeds

sunflower plant





The Application: 1 Cor 15:36-38

- *That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies;*
- *that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else.*
- *But God gives it a body just as He wished*
- *to each of the seeds a body of its own*
- **The Word conformed this with His Power!**

Each Seed Dies when Sown

- When sown, time as a seed is finished.
- Just as the seed rots away (dies)
- new life begins moving toward surface.
- If we had not seen we could not believe!
- Each seed dies producing an entirely different body than itself.
- Each seed sends a new body and a new life into the world.

- *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. 1 Cor. 15:42-44*



- 7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ... 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Phil 3:7-11