

Changed Forever in a Flash

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

- I. Our earthly bodies must be changed to inhabit heaven (1 Corinthians 15:50-52).
 - A. We need an imperishable body for heaven (15:50)
 - B. Some believers won't die, but they will still get a new body (15:51).
 - C. The resurrection/rapture happens instantaneously (15:52).

Key Facts about the Rapture/Resurrection

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

- Resurrection – Dead believers will rise with new bodies.
- Rapture – Living believers will be “caught up” (raptured) to go to heaven without dying.
 - Jesus, angels predicted rapture (John 14:3; Acts 1:11)
 - The rapture is for believers in Christ (church) only.
 - The rapture is imminent – at any moment.

- II. Our perishable bodies must become imperishable (1 Corinthians 15:53-58).
 - A. All believers in Christ get new imperishable bodies (15:53)!
 - B. Death is defeated (15:54-56)!
 - Death is defeated by Jesus' resurrection, because it proves Christ paid the full penalty of our sin on the cross!
 - C. Praise God for salvation (15:57)!
 - Through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, our sins can be forgiven and we receive eternal life (by faith in Christ – 15:2).
 - D. It's worth it to serve Christ steadily because He is the eternal victor over death (15:58)!