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## ***Don't Shortcut The Process***

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### **1 Corinthians 15:35-58 NIV**

#### ***The Resurrection Body***

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" <sup>36</sup> How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. <sup>39</sup> Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. <sup>40</sup> There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. <sup>41</sup> The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

<sup>42</sup> So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. ***The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;*** <sup>43</sup> it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; <sup>44</sup> it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

***If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.*** <sup>45</sup> So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"<sup>[i]</sup>; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> And ***just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we<sup>[a]</sup> bear the image of the heavenly man.***

<sup>50</sup> I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that ***flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God***, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: ***We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—<sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.*** <sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."<sup>[h]</sup>

<sup>55</sup> "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"<sup>[i]</sup>

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup> ***Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.***

There are lots of short cuts or easy ways to try to get ahead in life. When it comes to maturity, there are no real shortcuts. Wisdom is developed by reading God's Word, observation (learning), meeting together with others (sharing experiences & listening to advice), praying and life experiences. No real short cuts, so we need all the encouragement that we can to remind ourselves to continually place our focus on Jesus Christ.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=recognition&&view=detail&mid=F396BF0080634EB20E65F396BF0080634EB20E65&FORM=VRDGAR>

#### **1. Being Steadfast**

- Fixed in direction; steadily directed: a steadfast gaze.
- Firm in purpose, resolution, faith, attachment, etc., as a person: a steadfast friend.
- Unwavering, as resolution, faith, adherence, etc.
- Firmly established, as an institution or a state of affairs.
  - Choosing to put yourself in a place or direction

## 2. Unmoveable

- Firmly fixed in place or position.
  - This has the idea that no outside force or idea is to distract you or take you away.

## 3. Always Abounding

- Moving forward even though you are remaining in position
- Ephesians 6:13-14a NIV “Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then...”

## 4. Your work is not in vain

- God sees – **1 Peter 3:12 NIV** “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”
- He’s a rewarder – **Hebrews 11:6 NIV** “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”
- We have resurrection hope (vs. 42)
- Everything that we do for the Lord is important

### **Salvation Prayer (to ask God to forgive your sins and adopt you as His child):**

“Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for taking my place by dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sin and giving me eternal life. I ask that You lead, teach and fill me with the Holy Spirit. Change me into a person who represents you well, in Jesus name, amen.”

## **Announcements: [www.hopecommunitysite.com](http://www.hopecommunitysite.com) 705-812-2833**

**Small Group Bible Studies:** Contact Craig Basaraba for current groups or to start a group

**Morning Prayer** Monday to Friday 9 to 10 am at the church

**Woman's Walking/Exercise Group** – Mondays 7:00 pm at the church

**Kid's Tuesday Afterschool Program** – 3:30 to 5:00 pm - gym games, snack, encouragement & friendship

**Mom's Hangout** – Wednesdays 10-11:30 am... A time for Moms and kid's to hang out and get to know each other.

**Upward Soccer (Ages SK to Grade 6) Practice** – Wednesdays 6-8 pm

**God Squad Jr. High:** Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Students grades 6-8 are invited to this great program.

**Sr. High Youth:** Thursdays: 7:30 to 8:45 pm. Students grades 9-12

**Upward Soccer (Ages SK to Grade 6) Game** – Saturdays 9:30 to 11:30 am

**Good Food Box** – Orders on the first Monday of each month from 3-6 pm and pick up on the third Wednesday of each month from 3-6 pm. Fresh Fruit and Vegetables... Small box \$10, Large box \$15

**Communion Lunch Service – First Sunday of each month** Service (10:00 am) of each month as part of the morning service. Invite a friend and bring food to share in this pot luck style meal.

**GBA Ignite – Prayer Conference with Pastor Mike Knoll**

- Saturday, April 23, 9:30-3:00 here at HOPE Community
- Free conference with first 35 people getting a free copy of Tim Keller's book entitled *Prayer*

**Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames Presentation – Calvary Pentecostal Church Orillia**

- A live performance designed to introduce people to the gospel, heaven and hell
- Sat. April 23 – 7 pm, Sun. April 24 – 10:30 am, Sun. April 24 – 7 pm

**Set Apart Men's Conference @ First Baptist Church Orillia – April 29-30**

- Men's conference with great teaching... [www.firstbaptistorillia.org](http://www.firstbaptistorillia.org)

**Brian Thomson Ministry Weekend at HOPE Community – June 4 & 5... [www.brianthomson.com](http://www.brianthomson.com)**

- Saturday 12:30–3:30 pm at the church... Training on “**Developing a Heart for Others**” as we learn to share our faith and see the opportunities of mission and ministry around us.
- Sunday Morning - 10 am, Brian will be our guest speaker.