

## SERMON NOTES

1 Corinthians 15:35-49 (NLT) | Written by Rev. Beth L. Case

We continue our series in 1 Corinthians 15, When Death Died. This week we dive into verses 35-49, where Paul uses an analogy of a seed to illustrate how those in Christ die in earthly bodies but are raised in glory, imperishability, and power. Jesus gives to His people what He was given – a spiritual body. How might our assumptions of what happens after death need tweaked or affirmed by this passage of Scripture?

1. If someone asked you what you believe about life-after-death, what would you say? Would your answer include anything about the body?
2. Why might teaching about the body be particularly applicable to Corinth? How might similar teaching be important to us in our culture today?
3. Read 1 Cor 15:36-38. Why is the seed imagery significant to Paul's argument?
4. How does 1 Cor 15:42-44 offer perspective regarding your current body and your resurrection body? How does the promise of a future glorified body affect the way you think about aging, illness, weakness? About war, injustice, tragedy?
5. Following His resurrection, what was Jesus seen doing? (See Luke 24:15, 30, 36, 40, 51; John 20:15-16; Acts 1.) How is Christ's bodily resurrection a promise and a hint toward believers' resurrection?
6. Leaning on 1 Cor 15, respond to these quotes by New Testament scholars.
  - a. "Our resurrection experience could not be anything other than an existence in which the Spirit has full sway and through which the Spirit is fully manifest in and through us as in Christ himself." -Roy Ciampa
  - b. "What you do with your body in the present matters because God has a great future in store for it... What you do in the present—by painting, preaching, singing, sewing, praying, teaching, building hospitals, digging wells, campaigning for justice, writing poems, caring for the needy, loving your neighbor as yourself—will last into God's future. These activities are not simply ways of making the present life a little less beastly, a little more bearable, until the day when we leave it behind altogether... They are part of what we may call building for God's kingdom." -N.T. Wright

### Financial Update as of May 10, 2026

2026 Annual Budget	\$ 14,728,728
Actual Income to Date	5,054,430
Needed to Meet 2026 Budget	9,674,298

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Sun, May 17, 2026

# When Death Died

## 1 Corinthians 15

### Dad Vibes

**Today! Right after 9:45 service**

Join us for a laid-back time to connect with other dads while the kids run, play, and burn off some energy on the Elementary Playground. No agenda, no pressure—just good conversation, new connections, and a chance to build community with other guys in the same season of life. [dadvibes.mdpc.org](http://dadvibes.mdpc.org)

### Wednesday Night Summer Bible Study

**Wed, Jun 10-Jul 1 | 6:30-7:30pm | Summit Room**

We'll spend two weeks in Jude with Dr. Laurien Hook, followed by two weeks in Jonah with Dr. Clay Brown. Whether you've studied these powerful and often-overlooked books before or are coming to them for the first time, this will be a rich opportunity for learning, discussion, and fellowship.

### Ladies Slice of Summer

Sweet summer opportunities to seek Jesus, find friendship, and love others! Childcare available for all events. Event registration: [slice.mdpc.org](http://slice.mdpc.org)

**STUDY: Wed, June 17-24 | 10-11:30am | Parlor**  
Join Pastor Beth Case as we dig into Colossians while learning different methods of study.

### SERVE: Fri, Jun 19 | 1-3pm | Child Advocates

We'll serve MDPC ministry partner, Child Advocates by helping organize their Christmas Closet!

### SOCIAL: Thu, Jun 25 | 6-8:30pm | Summit Rm

You're invited to Game Night! Laughter, friendly competition, and light bites.

### ECO Theology Conference

**Mon-Wed, Sep 21-23 | MDPC**

Join ECO pastors, elders, deacons, and covenant partners from across the nation at *Light in the Darkness: Faithful Responses to Heresy*. Presentations on contemporary expressions of ancient heresies, their impact today, and our faithful responses to them. For schedule and to register, visit [theologyconf.mdpc.org](http://theologyconf.mdpc.org).

### H-Town Fellows at MDPC

**Sep 2026-May 2027 | Wednesdays at 6pm**

Are you a professional ready to seek God's purpose for your career? H-Town Fellows trains Christians to live the gospel coherently across vocation, community, and culture. With questions or for scholarship information, reach out to Joshua Smith at [jsmith@mdpc.org](mailto:jsmith@mdpc.org). Find more details and apply at [fellows.mdpc.org](http://fellows.mdpc.org).

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**POST-GRAD**  
COMMUNITY

Back in Houston after college?  
Want to reconnect with MDPC friends?  
Join us for fellowship and Bible study!

**SUMMER TUESDAYS - 7-8:30PM**

Register: [postgrad.mdpc.org](http://postgrad.mdpc.org)

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**PACK THE FUENTE**

**FOOD PANTRY**

**MAY 1-18**

[fooddrive.mdpc.org](http://fooddrive.mdpc.org)

**Most-Needed Items:**

Canned Spaghetti / Ravioli	Peanut Butter
Canned Tuna & Chicken	Boxed Cereal
Canned Mixed Vegetables	Mac and Cheese
Canned Fruit Cocktail	Ramen Packets

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## 8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

### GATHERING

Call to Worship		Clay Brown
*Songs of Praise	<i>O Worship the King   10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)</i>	
Confession & Assurance		Clay Brown
Song of Response	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	
Prayer		Marcus Vajdos
Worship Song	<i>Center</i>	

### HEARING THE WORD

Message	<b>When Death Died   1 Corinthians 15:35-49 (NLT)</b>	Beth Case
*Affirmation of Faith from The Apostles' Creed		

### RESPONDING

Song of Response	<i>Living Hope</i>
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### SENDING

*Benediction		Beth Case
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## 9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

### GATHERING

Welcome		Meliza Gómez
Songs of Praise	<i>Praise   Freedom</i>	
Confession & Assurance		Amanda Shockley
Song of Response	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	
Prayer		Marcus Vajdos
Worship Song	<i>Center</i>	

### HEARING THE WORD

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### RESPONDING

Song of Response	<i>Living Hope</i>
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### SENDING

*Benediction		Beth Case
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Blended and Contemporary Worship Leaders

MDPC Worship Team: Uvaldo Callejas, David Cavazos, Asher Pudlo, Abraham Uribe, Angel Uribe Michael Middleton, Generational Worship Director | Meliza Gómez, Contemporary Worship Director

\*Please stand, if comfortable.

*As you enter worship, we kindly ask that you silence your cell phones.*

## 11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

### GATHERING

Preludes	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus and Be Thou My Vision</i>	arr. Wayne Oquin (b. 1977)
Call to Worship		Christyn Knoop
Choral Introit	<i>Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	Carl Freeman (b. 1955)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	Vs. 1, 3, 4   #142   CORONATION
*Confession and Assurance of Pardon		Christyn Knoop
*Congregational Response	<i>Lord, Have Mercy</i>	Vs. 1   #565   KYRIE

### HEARING THE WORD

Anthem of Preparation		G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Liveth / Since by Man Came Death (from Messiah)</i>	
Message	<b>When Death Died   1 Corinthians 15:35-49 (NLT)</b>	Beth Case
*Affirmation of Faith from The Apostles' Creed		

### RESPONDING

*Hymn of Response	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>	Vs. 1, 2, 4   #445   TRURO
Prayer		Marcus Vajdos
Anthem of Response	<i>Salvation Is Created</i>	Pavel Tschesnokoff (1877-1944)

### SENDING

*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#592   OLD 100TH
*Benediction		Beth Case
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Tune</i>	Rob Landes

Traditional Worship Leaders

MDPC Sanctuary Choir | Duet: Cassandra Black and Megan Berti | Quartet: Esteban Cordero, Chris Childress, Antoine Griggs, and Chris Love | Kathryn White, organist/pianist Charles Hausmann, Traditional Worship Director

Our pastors are here to help. They'd love to hear from you!



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