

Spring 2023 Exegesis Exam

Ministry Context

1 Corinthians 15:35-57

You are preparing to conduct the funeral of a congregation member who has been disabled for many years. While talking with his widow, she asks you, “When my husband is in heaven, will he still be in a wheelchair, or will he be able to walk and run like he could when he was young? Or will he just be a spirit?” As you plan the funeral service, you decide to base your message on 1 Corinthians 15:35-57.

Section I: Language, Historical Situation, and Scriptural and Theological Context

Language of the Text

Write an essay response to the following exegetical question. This response must *focus on the biblical text*. Discussion of the ministry context is not expected in Section I.

First Required Response

Discuss Paul’s use of the word σῶμα in 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and 2 Corinthians 5:1-8, and his use of σὰρξ in Romans 8:5-8 and Galatians 5:16-26.

Based on this discussion, compare the use of σῶμα, σὰρξ, and χοϊκός in 1 Corinthians 15:35-57.

Explain how your findings inform your interpretation of 1 Corinthians 15:35-57. *Limit your response to 600 words.*

Language of the Text

Write an essay response to the following exegetical question. This response must *focus on the biblical text*. Discussion of the ministry context is not expected in Section I.

Second Required Response

Discuss the usage of ψυχικός and πνευματικός in 1 Corinthians 15:44.

Explain how your discussion informs your interpretation of 1 Corinthians 15:35-57. *Limit your response to 600 words.*

Historical Situation

Write an essay response to the following exegetical question. This response must *focus on the biblical text*. Discussion of the ministry context is not expected in Section I.

Third Required Response

Discuss first-century Jewish and Greco-Roman views on resurrection and the afterlife.

Explain how your findings inform your interpretation of 1 Corinthians 15:35-57. *Limit your response to 600 words.*

Scriptural and Theological Context

Write an essay response to the following exegetical question. This response must *focus on the biblical text*. Discussion of the ministry context is not expected in Section I.

Fourth Required Response

Discuss three passages about the general resurrection: one from the gospels or Acts, one from Romans through Philemon (not including 1 Corinthians), and one from Hebrews through Revelation.

Explain how your findings inform your interpretation of 1 Corinthians 15:35-57. *Limit your response to 600 words.*

Section II: Careful and Critical Interpretation

Write an essay presenting your interpretation of 1 Corinthians 15:35-57 based on your full exegetical study of the passage (not just material presented in Section I). Support your interpretation by a careful and critical analysis of the text that reflects the use of scholarly resources. *Limit your essay to 1,200 words.*

This essay must *focus on the biblical text* and provide a basis for your application in Section III: Application. Discussion of the ministry context is not expected in Section II.

Section III:

Application

Provide an outline or summary of themes for your sermon that addresses the required ministry context:

You are preparing to conduct the funeral of a congregation member who has been disabled for many years. While talking with his widow, she asks you “When my husband is in heaven, will he still be in a wheelchair, or will he be able to walk and run like he could when he was young? Or will he just be a spirit?” As you plan the funeral service, you decide to base your message on 1 Corinthians 15:35-57.

Your work must be based on your careful and critical interpretation of the biblical text presented in Section II. *Limit your work to 600 words.*

Your response to Section III *must* address the ministry context.

Works Cited

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