

## DEFINITION OF TERMS

1 Corinthians 15:42-58

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- 15:42 **perishable** (*phthora*), noun. “**1** breakdown of organic matter... **2** destruction of a fetus... **3** ruination of a person through an immoral act... **4** inward depravity... **5** total destruction of an entity.”
- imperishable** (*aphtharsia*), noun. “The state of not being subject to decay/ dissolution/ interruption, *incorruptibility, immortality.*”
- 15:44 **natural** (*psychikos*), adjective. “Pertaining to the life of the natural world and whatever belongs to it, in contrast to the realm of experience whose central characteristic is [spirit], *natural, unspiritual, worldly.*”
- spiritual** (*pneumatikos*), adjective. “**1** pertaining to spirit as inner life of a human being, spiritual... **2** In the great majority of cases in reference to the divine [Spirit] having to do with the (divine) spirit, caused by or filled with the (divine) spirit, pertaining/corresponding to the (divine) spirit.”
- 15:45 **soul/being** (*psyché*), noun. “**1** life on earth in its animating aspect making bodily function possible—  
**a.** (*breath of*) *life, life-principle, soul...* **b.** the condition of being alive, *earthly life, life* itself...  
**c.** by metonymy, *that which possesses life/soul* [living soul], Gen 1:24 ... a living creature.”
- spirit** (*pneuma*), noun. “**1** air in movement... **2** that which animates or gives life to the body... (*life-*)*spirit...* **3** a part of human personality, *spirit...* **4** an independent noncorporeal being, in contrast to a being that can be perceived by the physical senses... **5** God’s being as controlling influence, with focus on association with humans.”
- be/become** (*ginomai*), verb. “**1** to come into being through process of birth or natural production... **2** to come into existence... **5** to experience a change in nature and so indicate entry into a new condition... **7** to come into a certain state or possess certain characteristics... **8** to be present at a given time... **9** to be closely related to someone or something.”
- 15:49 **image** (*eikôn*), noun. “**1** an object shaped to resemble the form or appearance of something... **2** that which has the same form as something else... **3** that which represents something else in terms of basic form and features.”
- 15:50 **mystery** (*mysterion*), noun. “‘secret, secret rite, secret teaching, mystery’ a religious technical term ... applied in the Greco-Roman world mostly to the mysteries with their secret teachings, religious and political in nature, concealed within many strange customs and ceremonies. The principal rites remain unknown because of a reluctance in antiquity to divulge them... **1** the unmanifested or private counsel of God, (*God’s*) *secret*, the secret thoughts, plans, and dispensations of God... **2** that which transcends normal understanding, *transcendent/ultimate reality, secret*, with focus on Israelite/Christian experience.”
- 15:58 **vain** (*kenos*), adjective. “**3** pertaining to being without purpose or result, in vain ... [grace] 1 Cor 15:10 ... [labour] 1 Cor 15:58.”