

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Sown in Tears, Raised in Joy

TUNE: Take the Name of Jesus with You (PRECIOUS NAME)

Isaiah 25:8; John 12:24; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58;
2 Corinthians 5:1-5; Philippians 3:20-21

With gentle warmth ♩ = 72

Unison

1. Like a seed, this earth - ly bod - y On - ly dies that life may
2. Like a seed, tho' small and life - less, Grows a great and might - y
3. Like our Sav - ior in His beau - ty, Joy - ful, lov - ing, whole, and

grow,
tree,
free,
Life far great - er and more glo - rious,
See in all our earth - ly glo - ry
We will share e - ter - nal splen - dor

Refrain

More than earth - ly minds can know.
Just a seed of what will be! Sown in tears, raised in
On - ly heav - en's eyes can see.

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PRECIOUS NAME
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 death, raised in life, One with God in Je - sus Christ!

TOPICS: Funerals & Memorial Services; Resurrection; Lent-Easter; Eternal Life; Epiphany

LEAD-IN: “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” ...What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed.

So it will be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

*The trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed....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.”
(1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-44, 52-54, NIV)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

A Seed Must Be Planted

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

As we stand at the funeral of a loved one, their absence feels so complete and forever. The death of this body, this fragile vessel, seems to be the end of life itself. It feels like the eternal loss of a unique individual unspeakably precious.

But our Father reigns beyond the veil of death, and He assures us that for those who trust Him, the death of the body is the beginning of life, not its end. Ours is not a life that ends in death, but a death that ends in life. This body is planted like a seed. A seed only comes to life after it dies. It falls into the earth and disappears, only that a beautiful new life may grow from it.

The death of our bodies is the necessary first step toward a glorious new life. Every seed is planted, not to destroy life, but to create it, life infinitely greater and more glorious than its humble seed. The death of this body is not the annihilation of a life but its preparation for a future unimaginably greater. This life, this unique individual will rise as a radiant new being, fully like the risen, glorified Christ.

This broken body has served its temporary purpose and will hamper this child of God no longer. This beautiful soul will be given a new body, one designed to glow with the greatness and goodness of God Himself. It will be a body made, not for earth, but for heaven. It will be perfectly suited for love, joy, and worship in the very presence of God Himself.

What is being sown as a perishable body will be raised imperishable.
It is sown in dishonor, it will be raised in glory.
It is sown in weakness, it will be raised in power.
It is sown an earthly body, it will be raised as a body made for heaven.
This mortal being will be clothed in the splendid garments of immortality.
Death will be swallowed up in life.

“O Death, where is your victory?

O Death, where is your sting?”

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable,

always abounding in the work of the Lord,

knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

(1 Corinthians 15:55, 57-58, NASB)