

## Victory In Jesus

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

## Background Of The Church In Corinth – Acts 18:1-11

Context: 1 Cor. 15:1-3

- Paul had “preached,” the gospel. vs. 1
- The Corinthians had “received.” vs. 2;  
cf. Acts 18:8
- By which they were “saved.” vs. 2;  
cf. Rom. 1:16.
- Which Paul had “received.” vs. 3;  
cf. Gal. 1:12

## Background – The Gospel, Based Upon 3 Facts:

- “Christ died for our sins.” vs. 3;  
Mt. 26:28; cf. Heb. 2:9
- He was “buried.” vs. 3;  
Mt. 27:57-61; cf. Isa. 53:9
- He “rose again the third day.” vs. 3;  
Mt. 16:21; Lk. 24:13-23, 46;  
cf. Mt. 28:6

## Proof of the Resurrection, 1 Cor. 15:5-11

Jesus was “seen” by:

- Cephas. vs. 5
- The twelve. vs. 5
- Over 500 brethren at once. vs. 6
- James. vs. 7
- By Paul. vs. 8; Acts 26:16.

## Consequences – If There Is No Resurrection, (15:12-19) Then...

- “Neither hath Christ been raised.” vs. 13
- “Our preaching is vain.” vs. 14
- Your “faith is also vain” vs. 14
- “We are found false witnesses,” vs. 15
- “Ye are yet in your sins.” vs. 17
- “They that are fallen asleep in Christ have perished.” vs. 18
- “We are of all men most pitiable.” vs. 19

## Consequences – If There Is A Resurrection (15:20-34) Then...

If there is NO resurrection, then let “us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die,” vs. 32.

## Affirmation: There Will Be A Bodily Resurrection! 15:35-49.

- Alluded to a question raised by “foolish” people who asked “How are the dead raised? And with what manner of body do they come,” vs. 35?
  - Illustration of seed sown into the soil. vs. 36-38
  - Compared that which is sown with that which is raised, vs. 42-44.
- Concluded by saying “as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly man,” vs. 49. (NKJV)

## Examine Text – 15:50-58

- “Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,” vs. 50.  
cf. 2 Cor. 4:16ff; 1 Pet. 1:4; 2 Pet. 1:10,11.
- Hence we “must be changed.”
- When? “The last...trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised” vs. 52

## The Dead Shall Arise 1 Cor. 15:52

### BOTH GOOD AND BAD.

1. John 5:28-29 “ALL that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth...”
2. Acts 24:15 “that there shall be a resurrection both of the just and the unjust.”

Examine Text – 15:50-58

- In a “moment” (*atomos*) “that cannot be cut in two or divided, indivisible” (Thayer).
- In “the twinkling of an eye” vs. 52
  - “to throw, cast. A quick motion, such as a fling or toss. In the NT, a blink of the eye, a wink, twinkling (1 Cor 15:52 referring to a moment of time [cf. Lk. 4:5]). (The Complete Word Study Dictionary:)
- The ones addressed. Vs. 52, cf. 50

The Change That Will Then Take Place:

- This corruptible must put on incorruption,*” vs. 53.
- “This mortal must put in immortality,”* vs. 53.

When This Happens...

- “Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory,”* vs. 54. cf. Isa. 25:8 Praise for God.
- “Victory”* occurs but three times in the writings of Paul; all three times are in this section! Vs. 54, 55, 57.

### Jesus Provides “Victory” Over...

- Temptation --Jms. 1:13-15; 1 Cor. 10:13; Ps. 119:11 “Thy word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.” cf. Mt. 4:4,7,10
- Sin --1 Cor. 15:3; Rom. 3:23; Isa. 59:1, 2; Mt. 26:28; Acts 2:38; 1 Jno. 1:7-9.
- The Fear of Death -- Heb. 2:14, 15; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 18; Phil. 1:21, 23; Ps. 23

### Jesus Provides Us Victory Over:

- Death, vs. 54.
  - Sin brought death. Gen. 2:17; 3:19; Rom. 5:12; Rom. 6:23
  - Death is the great devourer. Heb. 9:27
  - All graves will be opened. Jno. 5:28,29
  - For Christians death will be “swallowed up in victory!”

Jesus Provides Us Victory over:

- Hades, vs. 55. cf. Mt. 16:18; Acts 2:29-32;
- Rev. 1:17-18 “Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.”

Application: Let us... 1 Cor. 15:57,58

- Give “thanks...to God”
- “Be Steadfast”
- “Unmoveable”
- “Always” abound in the work of the Lord.
- Why? “Your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

Conclusion:

- Notwithstanding the severity of the times, the faithful Christians at Corinth had ample reason to rejoice, for they could look forward to “Victory in Jesus!”
- Their *reason* for hope began with their obedience to the Gospel. Cf. 1 Cor. 15:1-4
- Our *reason* for hope begins with our obedience to the Gospel. Cf. Mk. 16:15-16