

Victory In Jesus

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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

Context: 1 Corinthians 15:1-3

- Paul had "*preached,*" the gospel. verse 1
- The Corinthians had "*received.*" verse 2
- By which they were "*saved.*" verse 2;
cf. Romans 1:16
- Which Paul had "*received.*" verse 3;
cf. Galatians 1:12

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Background :

The Gospel, Based Upon 3 Facts:

- "*Christ died for our sins.*" verse 3;
Matthew 26:28; cf. Hebrews 2:9
- He was "*buried.*" verse 3; Matthew
27:57-61; cf. Isaiah 53:9
- He "*rose again the third day.*" verse
3; Matthew 16:21; Luke 24:13-23,
46; cf. Matthew 28:6

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Proof of the Resurrection:

1 Corinthians 15:5-11

Jesus was "seen" by:

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

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

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

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

It is a fact that Jesus WAS raised from
the dead.

- Christ, "*the firstfruits of those who have fallen
asleep,*" verse 20; Leviticus 2:10.
- Carried the pledge of the resurrection of all
men. cf. Acts 17:31
- "*us eat and drink for tomorrow we
live,*" verse 32.
- Jesus is reigning over His kingdom, verses 24-
25.

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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 ?*” verse 35
 - ❑ Illustration of seed sown into the soil. verses 36-38
 - ❑ Compared that which is sown with that which is raised, verses 42-44. (cf. Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 3:4)
- ❑ Concluded by saying, “*as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly man,*” verse 49. (NKJV)

Examine Text – 15:50-58

- ❑ “*Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,*” verse 50.
cf. 2 Corinthians 4:16ff; 1 Peter 1:4; 2 Peter 1:10,11. cf. Colossians 1:5
- ❑ Hence we “*must be changed.*”
- ❑ When? “*The last ... trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised*” verse 52

The Dead Shall Arise

1 Corinthians 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.*”

The Resurrection Of The *Righteous* Will Be At THE LAST DAY.

John 6:40, “*And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the LAST DAY.*”

John 6:44, “*No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the LAST DAY.*”

John 6:54, “*Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the LAST DAY.*”

Judgment Of The *Wicked* Shall Be At THE LAST DAY.

John 12:48, “*He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in THE LAST DAY.*”

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*” verse 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 Corinthians 15:52 referring to a moment of time [cf. Luke 4:5]).” (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
- ❑ Those addressed. Verse 52, cf. 50

The Change That Will Then Take Place:

- ❑ *“This corruptible (perishable) must put on incorruption,”* verse 53.
- ❑ *“This mortal (subject to death) must put in immortality,”* verse 53.

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Then What???

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

“to destroy, to ruin completely.”
(Greek-English Lexicon Based on Semantic Domain)

Jesus Provides “Victory” Over ...

- ❑ **Temptation** – James 1:13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:13; *Psalms 119:11, “Thy word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.”* cf. Matthew 4:4,7,10
- ❑ **Sin** – 1 Corinthians 15:3; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2; Matthew 26:28; Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7-9.
- ❑ **The Fear of Death** – Hebrews 2:14-15; Philippians 1:21, 23; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 18; Psalms 23

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Jesus Provides Us Victory Over:

- ❑ **Death**, verse 54.
 - ❑ **All** graves will be opened. John 5:28-29
 - ❑ For Christians death will be *“swallowed up in victory!”*
 - ❑ *Revelation 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.”*

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Application: Let us ... 1 Corinthians 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.”*

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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 Corinthians 15:1-4
- ❑ Our **reason** for hope begins with our **obedience to the Gospel**. Ephesians 2:1, 12; cf. Mark 16:15-16

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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

- Hear the gospel. **Romans 10:17**
- Believe the Gospel. **Mark 16:15-16**
- Repent of sins. **Acts 2:38**
- Confess faith in Jesus. **Acts 8:37**
- Be Baptized. **Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:27**
- Always abound in the work of the Lord. **1 Corinthians 15:58; cf. Matthew 11:28**

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