

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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

Context: 1 Corinthians 15:1-3

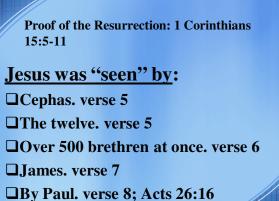
□Paul had *"preached*," the gospel. verse 1 □The Corinthians had *"received*." verse 2 □By which they were *"saved*." verse 2;

cf. Romans 1:16. Which Paul had *"received."* verse 3;

cf. Galatians 1:12

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



Consequences – If There <u>Is No Resurrection</u>, (15:12-19) <u>Then</u> ...

"Weither 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



Affirmation: There <u>Will Be A Bodily</u> <u>Resurrection</u>! 15:35-49.

Questions raised: "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 <u>raised</u>, 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

Hence we "must be changed."
When? "The last ... trumpet shall

sound, and the dead shall be raised" verse 52

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) 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.

Then What?

□ "Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, <u>Death is swallowed</u> <u>up in victory</u>, " 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 ...

□<u>Temptation</u> – James 1:13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:13; cf. Matthew 4:4,7,10

□<u>Sin</u> – 1 Corinthians 15:3; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1, 2; Matthew 26:28; Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7-9.

□<u>The Fear of Death</u> – Hebrews 2:14, 15; Philippians 1:21, 23; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 18; Psalms 23

Jesus Provides Us Victory Over: Death, verse 54.

□<u>All</u> 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 <u>I have the keys of</u> <u>death and of Hades</u>." Application: Let us ... 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

Give "thanks ... to God"

G"Be steadfast"

"*"Unmoveable"*

"*Always*" abound in the work of the Lord.

UWhy? "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 *l***eason* for hope began with their <u>obedience to the Gospel</u>. cf. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Our *reason* for hope begins with our <u>obedience</u> <u>to the Gospel</u>. Ephesians. 2:1, 12; cf. Mark 16:15-16 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