

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; Luke 24:13-21, 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...

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

- Christ, “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep,” vs. 20; cf. Lev. 23:10.
- “As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive,” vs. 22
- Jesus is reigning over His kingdom, vs. 24-25.
- If there were 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.”*

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.”*

1 Thess. 4:13-18... No Second Resurrection In This Passage.

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.*

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

- Hear the gospel. **Rom. 10:17**
- Believe the Gospel. **Mk. 16:15,16**
- Repent of sins. **Acts 2:38**
- Confess faith in Jesus. **Acts 8:37**
- Be Baptized. **Acts 22:16; Gal. 3:27**
- Always abound in the work of the Lord. **1 Cor. 15:58; cf. Mt. 11:28**