

## 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
- By 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; cf. 1 Corinthians 23:40
- Carried the pledge of resurrection of all men. cf. Acts 1:31
- Jesus is reigning over His kingdom, verses 24-25.

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**Affirmation: There Will Be A Bodily Resurrection! 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 *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
- ❑ 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, 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; 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

### 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*” abundant 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 abundant in the work of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58; cf. Matthew 11:28

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