

Easter 2015
1Corinthians 15:50-58
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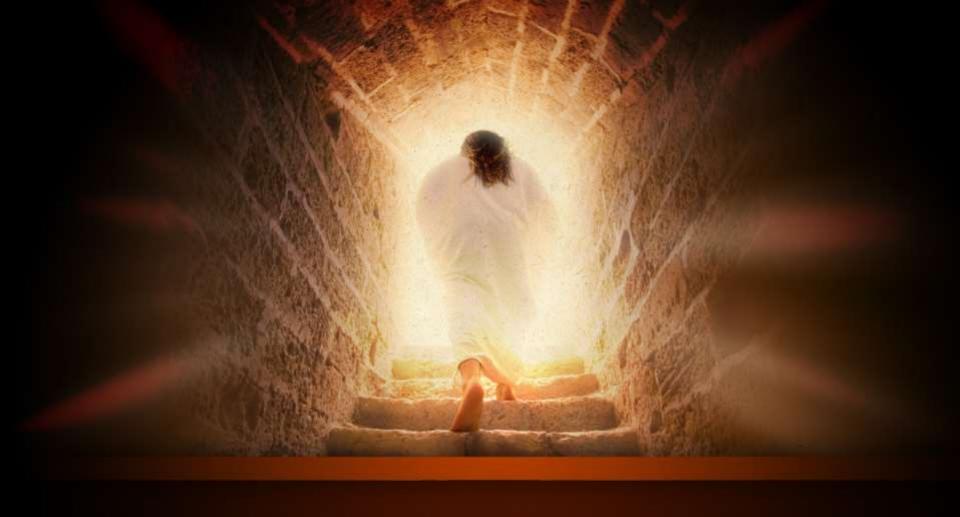
50 I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (NIV)



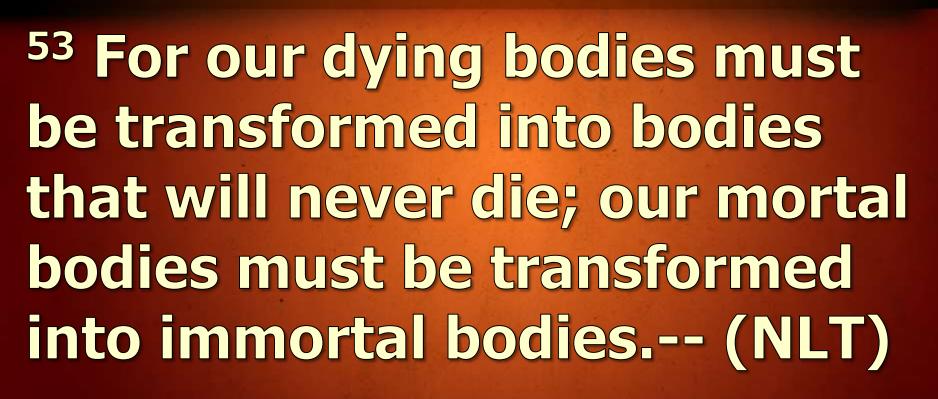
Jesus Is Our Victory

1. We Will Receive A Profound Change.

1 Corinthians 15:51 ⁵¹
Listen, I tell you a mystery:
We will not all sleep, but
we will all be changed. (NIV)

A. The Necessity of the Change.

1 Corinthians 15:50 50 I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.-- (NIV)



1 Corinthians 15:53

You Will Receive A Glorified Body!

Luke 24:38–40³⁸ "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt? 39 Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do." ⁴⁰ As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.-- (NLT)

B. The Mystery of the Change.

1 Corinthians 15:51⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed -- (NIV)

- Mystery Is Not A Who-Done-It
- Mystery Is A Divine Revelation.

C. The Immediacy of the Change.

1 Corinthians 15:52⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.-- (NIV)

In A Flash

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Twinkling of an Eye $\frac{1}{10,000}$ sec.

Trumpet Will Sound Pull up stakes
Fall in line
Move on out

2. We Receive A Personal Confidence

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.-- (NIV)

A. We Have Confidence In Our Deliverance.

1 Corinthians 15:56⁵⁶...
., and the power of sin is the law.-- (NIV)

4 Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. (NIV)

Romans 10:4

B. We Have Confidence In Death.

1 Corinthians 15:56⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin,

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.-- (NIV)

1 Corinthians 15:57

3. We Are Given A Practical Challenge

1 Corinthians 15:58 ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (NIV)

A. Live A Life of Firmness

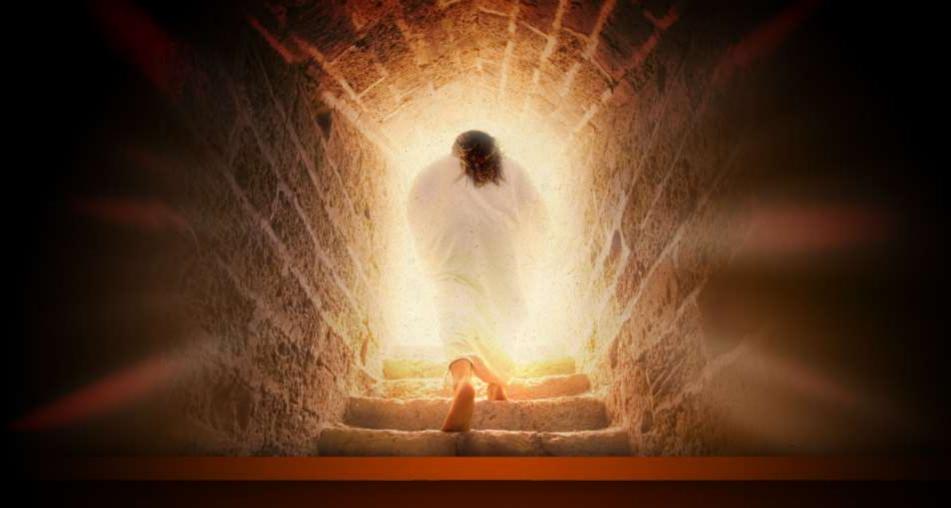
1 Corinthians 15:58⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (NIV)

B. Live A Life of Fruitfulness!

1 Corinthians 15:58 58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.-- (ESV)

C. Live A Life of Faithfulness!

1 Corinthians 15:58 ⁵⁸ So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.-- (NLT)



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