

Victory in Jesus

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Context: At the end of 1 Cor 15, Paul points out how Christ has won it all through his death and resurrection, and how we, in Christ, will win it all. As he shares our victory in Jesus, he encourages every Christian to consider how we should live differently in light of Christ's resurrection.

Since we have victory in Jesus...

1) _____ forward to heaven (vs. 50-57)

- A. We will inherit the kingdom of God.
- B. We shall be changed from a mortal body to an immortal one.
- C. Christians who are alive at the time of the return of Jesus will be transformed so that their bodies become like the bodies of those who are resurrected from the dead. (See 1 Thess. 4:13–18.)

2) _____ hard here (vs. 58)

- A. This passage tells us that we are to do two things:
 - I. Be Steadfast and Immovable - We are not to be like the Corinthians who were carried about by the latest fads of their culture and who were constantly yearning to adjust and modify Christianity to fit the times. Instead of being thermometers which register the temperature, Christians are to be the thermostats that regulate it.
 - II. Always abounding in the work of the Lord – The word 'abounding' refers to being excessively rich. In other words, Christians are to be really wealthy in their works.

3) _____ what will truly last (vs. 58)

- A. the work (such as evangelism) that Christians do for the kingdom of God will bring results that last forever.
- B. The hope of resurrection makes all the efforts and sacrifices in the Lord's work worth it. No work done in his name is wasted in light of eternal glory and reward.