

Be Immovable in Christ's Work

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

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I. Death is swallowed up in victory. 1 Corinthians 15:54-56

"And finally there is the painful riddle of death, for which no remedy at all has yet been _____, nor probably ever will be." (Sigmund Freud)

- "**Swallow up**" means to devour, _____, or to abolish forever.

The Law no longer has any hold on us, because Jesus fully satisfied all of the righteous _____ needed under the Law, in order for us to approach a holy God.

II. Victory in Jesus. 1 Corinthians 15:57

Daily we are in desperate need of God's grace, so as a response we can give "**grace**" to God with our gratitude to Him for His gift of _____ over sin and death.

- "In reality, victory means God getting His will to His glory, not simply in my life, but over me personally. Any less and it really isn't _____ victory in Christ Jesus." (David DePra)

1. In Christ, we have victory over death.

For the Christian, physical death is just us passing from one home to _____ as we enter the throne room of the Lord to spend eternity with Him. **2 Corinthians 5:8**

2. In Christ, we have victory over _____. **Revelation 12:10-11**

3. In Christ, we have victory over our enemies.

Faith in Christ gives us the ability to have victory over our enemies by _____ them in Christ and praying for them. **Romans 12:17-21**

4. In Christ, we have victory over _____. **1 Corinthians 10:13**

5. In Christ, we have victory over _____. **2 Timothy 1:7**

III. Be steadfast and immovable. 1 Corinthians 15:58

"We should work hard in everything now, working for the Lord, because right now counts _____!" (David Guzik)

- **Steadfast** means to stand firm; **immovable** means firmly persistent; and **abounding** means _____ and _____ (overflow) a certain number or measure. **John 7:38**

"It should be clear that Paul is presenting this truth (in **1 Corinthians 15**) as an imminent hope. On the basis of its expectation, he urges the brethren to serve the Lord _____." (John Walvoord)

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 15:54-56**. How would you describe the way our culture thinks about and deals with death? What excites you as you try to imagine what your changed, resurrected body will be like? Discuss the meaning of "**swallowed up**" in **verse 54**. **Isaiah 25:8, Galatians 3:13, 3:23-25, 2 Timothy 1:8-10**
3. How do **verses 56-57** capture the heart of the gospel? How would you explain those verses to someone who's struggling to understand what's so good about Christianity? How does **verse 56** undermine the common idea that death is simply a natural event? Should a Christian fear death?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 15:57** and discuss the five things in point II. of the sermon note sheet, describing some of our victories in Jesus. **Psalms 18:35, Romans 8:31-32, Romans 12:17-21, 1 Corinthians 10:13, 2 Corinthians 5:8, Ephesians 6:10-11, 2 Timothy 1:7, 1 John 5:4-5, Revelation 12:10-11**
5. Read **1 Corinthians 15:58**. Discuss some of the meanings of the words found within this verse. **1 Samuel 12:18-25, John 7:38, Romans 5:3-5, Galatians 6:9, Hebrews 6:10**
6. Would you describe yourself as someone who is 'steadfast and immovable' when it comes to **1 Corinthians 15**? What would it look like for you to be 'always abounding in the work of the Lord'? Do you believe that 'in the Lord your labor is not in vain'? What difference does that belief make to your life?
7. Discuss the conclusion of this sermon.

(Some questions taken from CCNY)