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The Victory of Christ's Resurrection
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1 Corinthians 1:25 - For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Uncommon Sense - *"God's Wisdom over man's pride through a Flawed Church."*

[CALL TO HEAR]

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 ESV

Mystery and Victory

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⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

**Pastor - "People of God, this is the Word of God."
People - "Thanks be to God."**

Pray

Illustration

One of the things I enjoy this time of year is that the streaming services will always make sure they play the classic Christian movies that we have come to



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love over the years. For example, if you have the time let me mention three that you should add to your watch list. First, is Max Von Sydow's portrayal of the Lord in [The Greatest Story Ever Told](#). Second would be [Ben Hur](#) and then thirdly it would be the [Ten Commandments](#) both featuring Charlton Heston.

Recently I have been watching a new series called [The House of David](#). It is a Historical Fictional portrayal of the Rise and fall of King David while staying true to the scripture it uses for biblical factual events. In the culmination of the first season we see David, no spoiler alert for you, but he kills Goliath and then season 2 opens up with this intense battle sequence. Israel has taken heart again and has charged the field when their main deterrence and taunter had been taken out. The show portrays well when we place all our hope in men, earthly kings, and the might of our own hands and how that will only take you so far, but it all fails for there is always an enemy that is bigger than you.

Introduction

You see the story of David is not about you and me, and how if we just have courage in the name of God, we can overcome our giants. That is not how you read that story. You and I don't have the power to overcome Goliath. That story is to reveal to the reader a foreshadowing of one that would come that was greater than David, one in his line, that would defeat an even larger giant, a giant that has had us on the sidelines for far too long.

Two Thousand years ago Jesus rose up and took the field of battle and fought for God, His Kingship, and His country men. First on that plan was to see to the safety of His people, so He died the death we deserved and took the justice that was ours and instead gave us the righteousness that He earned. Second step, He rose up and came out against that which held us in fear, Death itself, and with great precision, strength and cunning, instead of the law being used against Him, He used it against death. While living by the law condemns all men to die ([Gal 3:10](#); [Rom 3:20](#)), the law also protects the truly innocent and states they shall surely live. Jesus, our King was that man, the truly innocent, therefore death was conquered by Him.

Luke 24: 1-7 ESV



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24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the **Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.**"

And as the Apostle Paul related to us, He was witnessed by many.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 ESV

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Family what Jesus has done is He has walked onto the battlefield alone, while we like sheep have lived in fear of our biggest giant, death. We have lacked the power and drive to live life in love of God because the end of our mortality was haunting us. Jesus in rising from the grave placed the first shot to the head of death by dying as an innocent man, and He has now towered over the enemy and has beheaded its' power by His coming out of the grave.

Now we live in this realization, that death is still a reality for the believer, but it is no longer a dead end, but an entrance to get to God; it is no longer a finality but merely a transition to what comes next. We now take the field of battle and living in faith of what the resurrection means for us, how we live adds to the faith of those around us, to our children and our children's children. And even when we fall in battle one day, to death, it has lost its' staying power and like our Lord we too shall rise again!



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That's what we have been learning in 1 Corinthians 15 these last 4 weeks, the power of Jesus' resurrection.

Review Statement of the last 4 weeks:

"Resurrection power is a preserving power (wk. 1 vs 1-11) so be not deceived by worldly philosophies for that only delivers death (wk. 2 vs 12-19). Christ Himself is our guarantee for our tomorrows (wk.3 vs 20-28), no longer are we shaped by the fear of death but by the promises of resurrection life (wk. 4 vs 29-49)."

MP

The Victory of Jesus' Resurrection Promises an Eternal Future Change, Therefore – Hold On!

We will spend the rest of our time this morning discussing how the Victory of Jesus' Resurrection gives us the power to Hold On! First, we will look at how Christ's victory **determines our final transformation**. Because of the glory of God's Kingdom that Jesus has brought us into is so great, we will not and cannot be left in our current weak form. Secondly, the victory of Christ **destroys death's short-lived reign**. Make no mistake it is finished, it was predestined, that means promised by the Father the architect of it all, therefore death won't be coming back! Thirdly, the victory of Christ, **delivers a steadfastness for life**. That is His victory, when you see it rightly, rouses you like Israel, and you no longer hide in the back of the lines, but we will all charge into the thick of battle to get to stand beside our King!

1. The Victory of Christ determines our final transformation.

Ok as we said a couple of weeks ago, some of the Corinthians were still living with their worldly philosophy, their platonic traditions, that believed that the body was not to be desired after death.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

In fact, some of the Corinthians celebrated the shedding of the body for they saw it as unredeemable. Well up to this point, we have proven that to be



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false. God has given us a body that was at one time perfect, and will be perfect again, and therefore we are to treat our bodies as not as something to be thrown away, but to be treated as Holy, even though it is not in its' perfected state yet.

Paul then begins his last instruction and correction in this way, ***I tell you this*** (50). You and I should recognize that from our modern use ***I'll tell you this much...***, that is an agreement to a fact in a faulty argument. It is agreeing with one point of a false argument.

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

He agrees with the Corinthians that flesh, and blood, cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, that is code for the *yet to come/eschatological speech*, or the **end times reigning** of God over the whole world. Paul is like there is no way this body, this flesh, that we currently exist in, will do for the Kingdom of God. Why? Because that which perishes will not be enough in the realm that never perishes!

Daniel 2:44 ESV

⁴⁴ And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,

I'll tell you this much family, what you got right now is not what you will need, you're gonna need something better for what lies ahead. So, what are we going do about this? Good news, you don't have to do anything, it shall be done for you!

⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a **mystery**. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.



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Paul says that the day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night ([1 Thes 5:2](#)), that means it comes without warning, when you don't expect it, and it comes with the intention of the one coming doesn't want you to know when He's coming. BUT when He does come (mystery), the end has come with Him, no more struggle, no more time to repent, and the new age begins. So, in that moment, in order to be ready for that Kingdom, we must all be changed! That which is so glorious requires a new body that must be ready to enter a time where there is no sin, no rebellion, and no death. Jesus' victory over death provides this for us!

The Lord gives us a new body no longer plagued by disease, by pains, by faulty neurons and nerve impulses in which we battle for control over our minds. A perfect body to live, perfect eyes that see all, and a perfect mind that can behold the King of Glory in all His bright array, and that body by its' new creation/correction/construction is purged of all desires for sin, lust, and envy. WE MUST be changed for in this new Kingdom, and once again like our first father Adam, we will walk with God in the new garden. Even those few of the elect that have not died yet, they too will be changed, nothing can remain the same.

My friend today, **the danger** is for those that repent not, and do not cry out to the Lord for forgiveness and Salvation, before His return, please know that those too are changed ([1 Cor 15:21-22](#); [Acts 24:15](#); [John 5:28-29](#))! But the problem is all are resurrected with a new body that can fully see and perceive Jesus, and those that rejected Him in life will now be fully able to understand He who they rejected. There will be no more self-deception, no more perceived ignorance, no one will have an excuse, and again their rebellion is magnified for eternity. That person is cast away and will truly know what it is they have been cast from. I implore all my friends and family today, turn to Jesus, accept that He is your giant killer, that you have fears, and that only He can save you. Turn to Him today before the end comes for you will not know when it comes and you will not know how, for no man knows His time of death nor the time of Jesus' return.

Jesus' victory determines our final transformation, so make sure that for you dear one, that you have made the effort to truly know Him now.



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2. The Victory of Christ destroys death's short-lived reign.

⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

Right, thanks Paul and now we know why, Jesus will come in the twinkling of the eye to bring in fully God's Kingdom, it is eternal, so we must be in our eternal state.

⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, **then shall come to pass the saying that is written:**

Ok so the sign of the Kingdom is something that was foretold in the OT and it has finally **come to pass, it was written of**. That means the plans of the Father, the one who from all things are begotten and the one who reigns sovereignly overall, the one that is controlling all of time to bring about a point, what is it that He was bringing about?

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"

Death is swallowed up refers to:

Isaiah 25:8 ESV

⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

This is the prophet Isaiah describing his vision of the celebratory feast at the end of time (Is 25:6) and before His people can celebrate there is something that needs to be addressed. God knows the ultimate pain is found in the embrace of death. God Himself, will swallow death, digest it, disperse it, and cause it to be no more. No more bitter pill to swallow, He takes it off our



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plates forever and gives us a meal that sustains. And in the process, He cleans the faces of His children, He wipes away tears, and now that which we feared brings in for us all eternity. And the reproach of the unbelievers, who mock us in our professions of faith, even when we die, will be removed by His intervention on our behalf.

Death where is your victory, where is your sting?

Hosea 13:14 ESV

¹⁴ I shall ransom them from the power of Sheol;
I shall redeem them from Death.
O Death, where are your plagues?
O Sheol, where is your sting?
Compassion is hidden from my eyes.

The sting of death two things come to mind, the pain of dying, and the pain of separation from loved ones. How does God for the believer apply a balm that soothes the sting of death? God says, He will **ransom** them, He will buy us back from death. The Cross has done that very thing and the pain it delivered to our Christ has also delivered to us the removal of the fear of death. The stings are no longer permanent, separation is no longer eternal, death has lost its' longevity.

These were promises from the OT, that God has always intended to do this, for His people. And because it was God that instituted death in the beginning for the punishment of sin, and because it was God that planned the way for us to escape the sting of death by Jesus' victory over the grave, then we can rest assured that God will keep His word, and death shall happen no more! It is not coming back for the purpose it was used is done, "it is finished". The need for that tool is done, God has put it away where it can never be recovered. Jesus has swallowed all the cup of suffering that was given to Him, He has drank it all down to its' dregs, He swallowed up the sting of death that day on the cross, and at His return the full guarantee shall be brought in, imperishable bodies to live out these blessings. **His victory destroys the short-lived reign of death.**



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3. The Victory of Christ delivers steadfastness for life.

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

Family yes, death still holds a sting, doesn't it, but it has been diminished by the work of our Savior? Before His resurrection, the sting of death is sin, and sin is what separates us from God. The law tells us what sin is, that sin is the wall between us and God, and dying in that sin, if it is never dealt with, **is the sting of death**, it will be an eternal separation from God.

That is why dear ones, it is so important to get the Gospel right.

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**.

The Gospel is **NOT** come and find Jesus and then live out a morally good life and hope that your efforts will get you into heaven. The Gospel is that Jesus came to us where we were at, lived a life that perfected the law, He earned an eternal life, and in His name, we now live, and all our sin was absorbed by Him. That includes all the things before you knew Him and all the things that you are going to do wrong before you die. Every sin you ever will commit has been dealt with once and for all on a cross, so that you can live now without fear or worry over if you have lived a life good enough. **You didn't, BUT HE DID!**

Paul opened this whole dialogue with the posing of a dilemma, let me remind you how he started this talk on the resurrection 5 weeks ago.

15 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, **if you hold fast** to the word I preached to you—**unless you believed in vain**.

Salvation is yours 'if' you hold fast, fight for faith, in the Gospel that proclaims Jesus is enough. You can stand in that; it is sure, it is steadfast. Paul has taken 57 verses to explain that! The problem that the modern church still has to face today, is the desire to forsake the Gospel! NEVER forget about your need for a Savior, don't deceive yourself and believe sin is not that bad, DO NOT cheapen the message of the Gospel to your loved ones and stop being



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afraid of being liked/accepted by this world, they need the TRUTH! Truly, Truly I say to you church, don't forget/deny the resurrection, what it means, it IS enough to sustain you!

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.

Paul is confident in this Gospel, he has laid it out for us, he has gone to the OT plan of God, He has answered the plan for sin, he has given us the glory of the resurrection and what it means for us. We too will receive what Christ received, a body worthy and able to live in the eternal glory of the Father. You have that promise now family, Jesus was the guarantee, the firstfruits of what is to come! Be steadfast and immovable and NEVER EVER move away from these truths! When you HOLD, not only will you be saved but you will ALWAYS abound¹ in the work of the Lord. That means you will always be providing an excessive abundant amount of good works that He has prepared for you from the beginning ([Eph 2:10](#)). Your labor will not be in vain. **The victory of Christ HAS delivered the steadfastness for life you need.**

[CALL TO OBEY]

- **Be steadfast and immovable in the Gospel of Hope.**

Repent quickly. The power of sin is the law; the victory is Christ. Keep short accounts with God and neighbor. Offer forgiveness and keep no record of wrongs and ask for forgiveness when needed, let nothing separate you from your peace with God and keep not others from experiencing peace in Christ.

Face death without fear. Plan now like a Christian: draft a will, choose Christ-exalting hymns and Scriptures for your funeral, and speak openly in your home about the resurrection of the body.

- **Abound in the work of the Lord-because none of it is in vain.**

In the church: show up, build up. Commit to a ministry where your gifts meet real needs (discipleship, hospitality, mercy, teaching children, diaconal help).

¹ **4355** περισσεύω (*perisseuō*): vb.; ≡ Str 4052; TDNT 6.58–1. LN 59.52 **be in abundance**, abound (2Co 1:5); **2.** LN 59.54 **provide in abundance** (Eph 1:8); **3.** LN 57.24 **have more than enough** (Lk 15:17); **4.** LN 78.31 **excessive**, a very great degree (Mt 5:20); **5.** LN 78.32 **cause to be more** (1Th 3:12); **6.** LN 65.47 **have greater advantage** (1Co 8:8)



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In the home: train your children as heirs of immortality. Read the resurrection accounts; practice Scripture memory at the table; model repentance and courage, teach them to accept that there will be more to this life than 'right now'.

In the public square: defend the vulnerable, especially the unborn. Write, call, and vote to restrain evil and promote good. Offer practical aid to mothers and families in crisis. Your labor is not wasted; God sees and will raise it in glory.

In vocation and neighborhood: work honestly, keep promises, speak the Gospel plainly, and practice generous hospitality. Tie your ordinary tasks to the certainty of the last trumpet.

Memorize: "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 15:57)

MP

The Victory of Jesus' Resurrection Promises and Eternal Future Change, Therefore – Hold On!

Charge: Live your life family fully believing and accepting that we shall all be changed the instant He returns so abound in His good work. Live reflecting the knowledge that death has lost its' eternal sting. Live with steadfastness for all of life for believing the Gospel is never in vain. Let us pray now and ask God to fulfill these truths in our lives.

Prayer

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you



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drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Today when you eat of the bread remember the life of Jesus which was lived for us. Step one in defeating death for us was to live a life that was impossible for us. Where the power of sin is the law that condemns us, this same law became for Him the power over death. He won the victory over death, by living a life that could only be rewarded with eternal life, and as our King He gives freely to us His prize. Praise be to our Jesus our King, who loved the Father with perfect obedience.

Today when you drink the juice remember the cost of our sin displayed by His blood for the new covenant. That innocent blood is the reason for our future resurrection one day. That day when we all shall be changed was made possible by the sacrifice of the Christ. By His wounds we truly have been healed, death has lost its' sting! Thanks be to our High Priest and King for His eternal perfect love!

[CONFESSION OF FAITH]

* The Congregation will stand

Elder – **"Christians, what do we believe?"** Congregation – recites:

LBCF 1689 Chapter 31, State of Man After Death and Resurrection of the Dead, Paragraph 3 The Last Day

3. The Bodies of the Unjust and Just

The bodies of the unjust will be raised to dishonor by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just will be raised to honor by his Spirit and be conformed to Christ's own glorious body. 8

8. Acts 24:15; John 5:28-29; Philippians 3:21



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[OFFERING+LAST SONG] "How Deep the Father's Love for us & In Christ Alone"

[BENEDICTION]

Go in the name of the Father, that brought about the end of death through His perfect plan to give us eternal life through His glorified Son.

Go in the name of the Son, that is risen and is coming again and will at that time put on us that which is imperishable.

Go in the name of and power of the HS, who opens our eyes to this truth, strengthens us to hold on to the truth, now go and live in the abundance of the Gospel work He has set aside for you.

[FELLOWSHIP CONVERSATIONS]

1. What does it mean that "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God," and how does Jesus' resurrection promise our transformation?
2. Paul says death has lost its "sting." How did Jesus remove that sting, and how does that change the way we face fear, suffering, or funerals?
3. When Paul quotes, "O death, where is your victory?" why can Christians speak so confidently? How would you explain this hope to a friend?
4. Verse 58 tells us to be "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." What does that look like in our home, church, and community this week?
5. If none of our labor "in the Lord" is in vain, what is one specific act of obedience or service we can plan and do together as a family?



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