

Victory In Jesus:

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Text: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.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 incorruptible, and we shall be changed.⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”^[a]⁵⁵ “O Death, where *is* your sting?^[b] O Hades, where *is* your victory?”^[c]⁵⁶ The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength 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 brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

- a. Key verse for today’s lesson is 1Corinthians 15:57
- b. Let us look at a few things to help us in having victory in Jesus.

1. V-igilant

- a. Be alert, wide awake! Why? [1 Peter 5:8]
Be sober, be vigilant; because^[a] your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
- b. Be vigilant because of the devil’s schemes. [Ephesians 6:10-11]
Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

2. I-nvolved

- a. Every Christian need to be involved in the Lord's work. [1 Corinthians 15:58]

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

- b. Jesus was busy doing his father's will.[Luke 2:49; John 4:32]

Luke 2:49 - And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

John 4:34 – Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

Like Jesus we need to be about "my Father's business, and finish the work that God has saved us to do.

3. C-ourageous

- a. Being courageous is to have courage, to be bold. [Acts 4:12-13]

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." ¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

- b. 1 Corinthians 16:13; 11 Timothy 1:7

1 Corinthians 16:13 – Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong

11 Timothy 1:7 - For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

- c. "Courage doesn't always roar, sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, I will try again."

4. T-hankful

- a. Thankful appears 38 times in the New Testament.
- b. Christians should always be thankful-grateful for what Christ has done for us.
- c. Psalm 107:1
For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
- d. Thank God for making victory possible in Jesus,[1 Corinthians 15:57; Romans 8:35-37]
1 Corinthians 15:57 – But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Romans 8:35-37 – **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?** ³⁶ As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”^[a] ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

5. O-pitimistic

- a. “ A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity, an optimistic sees the opportunity in every difficulty.” Winston Churchill.
- b. Romans 8:28; Colossians 1:27- “Christ in you, the hope of glory.”
Romans 8:28 – **And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose**
Colossians 1:27 - **To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which^[a] is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**
- c. Henry Ford said, “whether you think you can, or that you can’t, you are usually right.” [Romans 8:38-39]
For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

6. R-eliable

- a. Psalm 12:6-7: The words of the LORD *are* pure words,
Like silver tried in a furnace of earth,
Purified seven times.
⁷ You shall keep them, O LORD,
You shall preserve them from this generation forever.
- b. Matthew 24:35 - Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.
- c. God's word is always trustworthy and dependable, and as Christians we must keep on believing and be faithful to the Lord.

7. Y-ielding

- a. Deuteronomy 7:9 - "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He *is* God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments
- b. Hebrews 5:7-9 - who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, ⁸ though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him
- c. Song: All To Jesus I Surrender

Invitation: Won't you claim victory in Jesus today by obeying the gospel of Christ? Victory is what God has done for us in Jesus' death. Our hope of victory is in Jesus resurrection. Those who obey Jesus in baptism, and stay faithful have victory in this life and in eternity. {1 Corinthians 15:58]

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