



MESSAGE/SERIES:

Restoration Series-“The Trumpet’s Sound”
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:

(These verses will help you understand themes within as you read our core text as scripture proves scripture)

1 Corinthians 15:26, 50-58, 15:26 (last enemy is death), Romans 5:17, 21 (death through Adam), Romans 6: 11, 21 (what have we reaped from sin), Romans 7:7-25 (Law reveals sin), Romans 1:32, Hosea 13:14 (Ransom & Redeem) , Matthew 24:31, Isaiah 27:13, Revelations 11:15, Zachariah 9:14, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Philippians 1:21, 3:20-21, Daniel 12:2 (Awake to eternal life or disgrace)

OPENING SCRIPTURE:

[1 Corinthians 15:50-58]

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“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

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O death, where is your sting?”

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The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), 1 Co 15:50–58.

BACKGROUND & OTHER STUDY HELPS:

[SUMMARY OR 15:50-58] “Victory presumes two things: 1) There is an adversary. It may be other people (coworkers, friends, etc.), a power structure (“the man,” capitalism, etc.), or yourself (personal limits, bad habits, etc.). 2) It is better to win than to lose. Given the clear choice, who would ever choose to lose? Though some are more competitive than others in some areas of life, there is no one who is simply not competitive. We are all playing a game, and whether we set the rules or someone else does, we are seeking to win. Paul’s discussion about victory is in reference to the ultimate adversary—death.”

Stephen T. Um, 1 Corinthians: The Word of the Cross, ed. R. Kent Hughes, Preaching the Word (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015), 281–282.

[ISRAEL’S FINAL RESTORATION] 15:53–54. Here Paul quotes Isaiah 25:8, which refers to God’s triumph over death at the time of the end, at Israel’s final restoration.

Craig S. Keener, The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993), 1 Co 15:53–54.

[ISAIAH & HOSEA’S PROPHECY] 15:55. Jewish interpreters often linked different texts together on the basis of a common key word; “**death**” and “**victory**” occur in Isaiah 25:8 and also in Hosea 13:14, which Paul may therefore apply to the resurrection as well. Although the latter passage is in the context of judgment, it does seem to say the same thing as Isaiah 25:8 (unless read as a question).

Craig S. Keener, The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993), 1 Co 15:55.

[THE TRUMPET IN SCRIPTURE] “**The voice of the archangel** Probably refers to the archangel Michael (see Jude 9). “A shout of command,” “the voice of the archangel,”

and “the trumpet of God” **may be referring to the same thing—a great acclamation meant to herald the returning King.**”

John D. Barry et al., *Faithlife Study Bible* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012, 2016), 1 Th 4:16.

[THE DEAD IN CHRIST] “**dead in Christ will rise first** The Thessalonians were concerned that the “dead in Christ” (i.e., believers who died before the Lord’s return) would be excluded from Christ’s return and the blessings of the age to come. However, Paul informs them that those believers will not be lost; in fact, they will precede living believers to resurrection glory. Because of Christ’s resurrection, the Thessalonians will have new bodies that are no longer subject to death (1 Cor 15:52–55). The resurrection is the center of Christian hope.”

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[THESS. 4:17] “**Lord in the air** Either believers will meet the Lord in the space immediately above the earth, or they will meet Him as part of His army against evil, or both. The Lord is arriving in the ancient style of god warriors, suggesting that He comes to destroy evil. “Meeting” Him “in the air” (His battle space) could certainly suggest joining Him in His battle. Paul does not say whether believers will return to the earth with Christ or ascend to heaven with Him. He simply states that believers will be with the Lord forever following their reunion with Him in the sky.”

John D. Barry et al., *Faithlife Study Bible* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012, 2016), 1 Th 4:17.

[SHEOL] Hebrew word Used in scripture to describe hades or hell. It can mean a ravine or Chasm. Reference to death and the opposite of heaven. Sometimes the hebrew word Sheol can be used for death and not a place. It most often references a place of no praise of God.

[SHEOL] “simply the ultimate resting place of all mankind (Gen. 37:35). Thus, it was thought to be the land of no return (Job 16:22; 17:14–16). **It was a place to be dreaded, not only because it meant the end of physical life on earth, but also because there was no praise of God there (Ps. 6:5). Deliverance from it was a blessing (Ps. 30:3).**”

W. E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger, and William White Jr., *Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (Nashville, TN: T. Nelson, 1996), 9.

YOUR ESCHATOLOGY AFFECTS HOW YOU VIEW THIS PASSAGE: (brief overview)

- **Dispensationalism-** (introduced in 1813)- there is the Rapture of the church & deceased Christians would move on to heaven missing most of the tribulation. All believers return with Christ at a later time (end of the great tribulation).
- **Historical Premillennial view-** (View of most Apostles/dominant view of early church)- The Church endures Tribulation to the end and the church both alive and deceased are reunited with Jesus here at the end trumpet to judge the earth. (One resurrection after the tribulation)
- **Amillennialism-** (Martin Luther, Calvin, J I Packer, Augustine)- First resurrection is a spiritual one in which represents regeneration and the second coming of Christ will bring one resurrection of the dead both saved and unsaved and then the judgements. (Church age is the tribulation and Millennial kingdom)
- **Postmillennialism-** (Jonathan Edwards, BB Warfield, Strong, Hodge, R C Sproul)- There is a build up of the Gospel to every people group/ a great revival if you will and then the second coming of Christ and the Judgements (No literal Millennial kingdom)

QUOTE:

“You ask, what is our policy? I can say: It is to wage war, by sea, land and air, with all our might and with all the strength that God can give us: to wage war against a monstrous tyranny, never surpassed in the dark lamentable catalogue of human crime. That is our policy.

You ask, What is our aim? I can answer with one word: Victory—victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival.”

-Sir Winston Churchill

OUTLINE:

I. (v50) OUR CURRENT STATE

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

- A. In this **Already and not yet Kingdom of God**- (Where Jesus Reigns in the heart of believers and Satan still has rule in unbelievers)
1. *The Power of Sin has been defeated (on the Cross at Calvary)*
 2. *The Presence of Sin is still ever before us (eradicated at Jesus' second coming)*
 - a) **Flesh and blood**= Our fallen state (Body and Mind affected by our association with the first Adam)
 - b) **Kingdom of God**= The eternal Kingdom/ as differentiated by the absence of Sin
 - c) **The Perishable**= the weakened part of man, the decaying part of man, the degenerating part of man
 - d) **The imperishable**= the pure and eternal (heaven and Christ Himself)

II. (v51-57) OUR FUTURE TRANSFORMATION

⁵¹ *Behold! I tell you a mystery. **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,***

- A. **"We shall not all sleep"**= Not everyone will die before Jesus returns (Sleep= death)
- B. **"We shall all be changed"**= every human will be changed from a perishable physical body to an eternal body
1. *Believers to a body that is imperishable and absent of all impurities (a perfect body)= **glorification** in the order of salvation*
 - a) A body fit for heaven (1 Corinthians 15:50-54)
 2. *Unbelievers to a body that will never completely die but is always dying and always separated from God*
 - a) A body fit for hell

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.*

C. A Christ's Second coming there will be a **shout announcing the King's Return** (also symbolized by a trumpet sounding)

1. *Trumpets announce Kings entrances*
2. *Trumpets announce for Battles to begin*
3. *Trumpets announce for Battles to end*

a) **This trumpet sound does all three:**

(1) King Jesus Comes to Earth to

(a) finish off Sin and Death

(b) set up His Eternal Kingdom

(c) Judge the Believer (Bemas seat) and the unbeliever (Great White throne)

(2) The final Battle Begins over Satan and His forces of Evil

(3) The Battle against the believers flesh and battle with Sin in our own lives is over (Glorification/no more sin)

D. This Trumpet will sound and **just as fast the Bodies of the Believers will be changed** (glorified and reunited with Christ)= we shall be changed (second time phrase used here)

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

E. Paul further emphasizes **the completed change of redeemed man**

1. *Redemption complete in process*
2. *Redemption complete in payment at Calvary (assured of full redemption)*

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F. (v54) Christ’s return marks the point of completion of prophecy

G. (v54-55) **Hosea’s prophecy-**

[Hosea 13:14] *“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.”*

1. God will **“Ransom”= Deliver, release** His chosen people from the power of Sheol (see background notes)

a) “Sheol where is your sting”= (Sting of a Scorpion or Snake)

(1) **Death has become harmless** for the Christian (it happens but has no real repercussions)

(a) We don’t have to worry about being separated from God

2. God will **“Redeem” from death= Deliver, buy back from from Death’s hold**

a) We don’t have to worry about punishment

(1) Death cannot **hold us captive**

H. (v56) “The **Sting** of death is Sin”- We as sinners turn away from God/rebel against Him and reap death.

1. *Much like a poison we were injected with the Sin gene when **Adam and Eve sinner cursing all of creation** from that point forward*

2. *Now all men are **born sinners destined to Die** apart from God if not for Jesus*

I. (v56) **“Power of sin is the law”**

1. *The Law points out the fact than man is apart from God and His enemy*

- a) Hopeless on our own
- b) Helpless to correct our own fait
- c) The Law is a minor revealing man's heart
- d) The Law brings a consciousness of Sin (pointing out that God is the moral law giver and our need to surrender)

(1) The Law shows us that we are enemies of God and we choose to continue to be enemies with Him

J. (v57) "God who gives us the **Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**"

- 1. *God is the pursuer and not man*
- 2. *God gives victory over Sin and death through Jesus*
- 3. *God applies Jesus' payment to our account by grace only through faith alone*

III. (v58) OUR PRESENT STRENGTH

*"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.**"*

A. (v58) (Summarization of v50-57) Because of What Jesus did to conquer Sin and Death

- 1. **Be Steadfast-** Keep firm in your faith
- 2. **Be Immovable-** without being shifted from the teaching of the resurrection (The Corinthian letter was written in response to the concern about the resurrection body)
- 3. **Always abound** in the work of the Lord- bountifully giving unto the Lord in all that we have for His Kingdom
- 4. Being constantly assured that **our work is not without an abundance of resources from God-** Everything we do is anchored in What Christ has done and is doing
 - a) Abundance & overflowing work

[Interactive Application]

1. How does the understanding of our current state and the coming glorified body at the return of Christ change how you view tomorrow/the Future?
2. How does your understanding of the fulfillment of the Hosea Prophecy in Christ and the application to the New Israel (All of the redeemed Jew and Gentile) change your interpretation of eschatology if any?
3. How might you share this truth with a believer who is fading in physical strength?
4. How might you share this truth with an unbeliever who questions why so-called Christians still sin?

-----Message from Pastor Michael-----

Church,

Praise the Lord for these glorious truths about the second coming of Christ that we can look forward to the day the archangel announces His return and we are transformed into sinless and eternal beings! I pray that you find current joy in living and conviction in serving the one who is the victor for us! Share these truths with those who are growing in the Lord and share these truths with those who are apart from the Lord that we may all stand firm today, that we may all abound in the work of the Lord. A church who hears this text and lives in its richness will be blessed now and forever more!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Michael

