

The Certain Hope of Tomorrow

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 Dr. Chris Mueller Easter 2022

Introduction:

John 15:18 *If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.*

Matthew 10:22 *You will be hated by all because of My name*

Hebrews 9:27 *it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes Judgement*

1 Corinthians 15

EVIDENCES for Christ's resurrection in **verses 1-11**

CONSEQUENCES of denying a bodily resurrection in **verses 12-19**

PLAN and INCENTIVES of the resurrection in **verses 20-34**

DESCRIPTION of our resurrection bodies in **verses 35-49**

1 Corinthians 15:50 *Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will 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 will be changed. 53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. 55 "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" 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 brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.*

#1 The certainty of _____ 50

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#2 The certainty of the _____ 51-53

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Philippians 3:20-21 and **1 John 3:2**

John 14:3 *If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.*

1 Thessalonians 4:16 *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

2 Corinthians 5:8 *... to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.*

Matthew 24-25

#3 The certainty of _____ 54-57

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Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

#4 The certainty of _____ 58

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STEADFAST

IMMOVABLE

ABOUNDING

TOIL

NOT IN VAIN *in the Lord*

Questions for Growth in Christ

1. Why is it that most people don't think seriously about death?
2. God says everyone is aware of their sin and coming judgment, so why don't people turn to Christ for rescue?
3. Why does Paul promise the Rapture in the chapter about the Resurrection?
4. Why is heaven so much more wonderful than earth?
5. Why are Christians repeatedly taught not to fear death?
6. Why should Christians respond to the resurrection with committed service, and why do so many who call themselves Christians not serve?
7. What steps will you take this week, this month, to respond rightly to the Resurrection?

