



Easter Meditation

“Remaining Steadfast & Immovable”

1 Corinthians 15:50-58



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Context:

- There were some in Corinth who denied the bodily resurrection from the dead



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➤ Paul's Response:

1. The veracity of Jesus' resurrection
2. The necessity of Jesus' resurrection
3. The nature of our resurrection



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“Now I say this brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,



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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.

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



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1. Transformation of the Body

➤ *a necessary change*

- our present perishable, weak, mortal bodies cannot inherit the eternal kingdom
- both the dead and the living will be changed at Christ's coming



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1. Transformation of the Body

➤ *nature of this change*

- perishable to imperishable
- mortal to immortal
- natural to spiritual



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“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.’
‘O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O, DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?’



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*The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;
 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*



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2. Victory over Death

➤ *death is swallowed up in victory*

- *future* – at the resurrection death will be forever destroyed
- *present* – death’s ultimate sting has already been removed for believers



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2. Victory over Death

➤ *through Jesus Christ*

- by His death Christ endured and satisfied God’s just judgment for our sin
- by His resurrection Christ secured for us our ultimate victory over death



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“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.”



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3. Present Outcome: Faithfulness

- *faithful to Christ* – steadfast in our faith and immovable in every situation
- *abounding in His work* – nothing in the Lord is a waste or in vain