

## Your Toil is Not in Vain

1 Corinthians 15:58

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.

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### 1 Corinthians 15: Overview

➤ *Necessity and Nature of the Resurrection*

1. The centrality of the resurrection of Jesus in the gospel message (v.1-11)
2. The catastrophic consequences of denying the bodily resurrection (v.12-19)
3. The significance of Christ's resurrection (v.20ff)

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4. The nature of the bodily resurrection in answer to philosophical objections (v.35-49)
5. The necessity of the resurrection for God's ultimate victory (v.50-57)

### Practical Effects: "therefore..."

1. Remain faithful to the gospel – "steadfast and immovable"
2. Give yourself constantly to the service of Christ in all of life
3. Know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord

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- Resurrection hope:
- sacrificial service for Christ will be rewarded in the resurrection
  - sacrificial loss for Christ will be abundantly repaid in the resurrection