

### Future Glory | 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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- Verses 50-51 included on session 38
- Verses 52-53 –
  - These verses give further detail about the **mystery** of v. 51. The change will take place **in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye**. This does not require (and one should not assume) that this is speaking of *the rapture*. That would be a fallacy of similarity.
  - In fact, this is *not* the resurrection at the rapture, but rather the one at the Second Coming (as has been true of the entire chapter). This is the resurrection of **the last trump**. Though the rapture contains a trumpet (1 Thes. 4:16), it is not the **last trump**.
  - At the Second Coming, the **dead shall be raised incorruptible** and those who have *endured to the end* (i.e.: tribulation saints) will **be changed**. Those who do not inherit the Kingdom will **go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal** (Matt. 25:46).
- Verses 54-55 - There will be death after the Second Coming, until the end of the millennium (1 Cor. 15:25-26). However, once **immortality** has been achieved, then (for that person) **death is swallowed up in victory**.
- Verses 56-57 –
  - I am convinced that these verses are a present reality, and that Paul has come from speaking about the future to speaking about this day.
  - The *death sting* is sin, and *sin's strength* is **the law**. But, not being under the law, God is **not imputing...trespasses** because He has **reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ** (2 Cor. 5:18-19).
- Verse 58 - There are two directions one can go with this verse:
  - If **therefore** refers to vv. 56-57, then Paul is speaking to Christians, encouraging them to **labour** because **every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour** (1 Cor. 3:8).
  - If **therefore** refers to the broader context of chapter 15, then Paul is referencing His Jewish **brethren** who will endure the tribulation (having not been saved and thus missed the rapture), and it is their **labour** that will enable them to *endure to the end and be saved*.

### Instructions about the Collection for the Saints | 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

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- Verse 1 –
  - Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, was gathering an offering for the benefit of **the saints**. Note that:
    - He had no need to define **the saints**, so in his day this was an immediately recognizable group.
    - Paul never took a general offering for all Christians, but only for the *Jewish* believers who were enduring famine, persecution, and the effects of having sold everything for the sake of the Kingdom. See Romans 15:25-26, 2 Corinthians 8-9.
  - The Corinthians were instructed to take this collection in the same manner as the **order to the churches of Galatia**. Note that:
    - As an apostle, Paul was able to give *orders*. This authority is not passed to local church pastors.
    - There is nothing in the book of Galatians that contains these orders, so we must conclude that Paul wrote additional works.

