

Sermon Notes-December 27, 2020

“No More May Die”

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

MercyMe song: “I can only imagine”

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” takes us to Christmas and beyond Christmas – to the glory that awaits

1 Corinthians 15

- Paul’s unsurpassed description of the meaning of Christ’s resurrection
- The earliest written summary of Christian belief
 - ◊ Upon the Gospel we must “take our stand” (1 Corinthians 15:1)
 - ◊ The Gospel must be “received” (1 Corinthians 15:1)

Why did Charles Wesley write “Born that man no more may die?” Four reasons:

We are Confident (1 Corinthians 15:20)

- 1982 funeral of Soviet leader, Leonid Brezhnev
- Tom Wright – leading New Testament scholar

We are Alive (1 Corinthians 15:22)

- The puppy and the alligator

We are Transformed (1 Corinthians 15:49)

- The Bible does NOT teach that human beings have an immortal soul
- God alone is immortal (1 Timothy 6:16)
- The Christian’s hope is NOT going to heaven when we die, but being “raised imperishable” (1 Corinthians 15:42)
- We will be transformed so that we will be like Jesus (1 John 3:2)
 - ◊ “It’s OK to let him go.”
 - ◊ “The resurrection that leads to eternal life” (John 5:29)

We are Thankful (1 Corinthians 15:57)

- Bonhoeffer’s prison letters to his fiancée
- True thankfulness comes because Jesus wins!

“Information Please” story about Paul and Sally

“Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.”

There's another world to sing in. I can only imagine!