



Gospel VICTORY (and LABOR) – TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Coram Deo: *To intentionally live all of life in the presence of God, under the authority of God, by the grace of God, for the glory of God.*

Christ has secured your GLORIOUS FUTURE: 1 Corinthians 15:50-54

- 1) **Christ has ESTABLISHED the Kingdom of God as our FUTURE HOME**
 - a) **The FUTURE New Heaven and New Earth—unified supernatural and natural** [See: Revelation 20]
 - b) **The FUTURE New Jerusalem—The Garden of Eden & The City combined** [See: Revelation 21-22; Isaiah 11]
- 2) **The Blessed HOPE for Present Saints**
 - a) **We will be TRANSFORMED** instantaneously at Christ's **COMING:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 - b) **Our sinful bodies will be CHANGED into GLORIFIED BODIES**
 - c) **Our sin will be DONE!!**
- 3) **The Blessed WARNING for Present Saints:** 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
 - a) **Sin will NOT inherit the Kingdom of God:** Revelation 22:15
 - b) **Our BATTLE with sin is REAL & ONGOING until we are with Christ:** 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
 - c) **Don't treat sin like a PLAYTHING—its deadly and will destroy you if you continue playing with it:** Galatians 5:19-21

Christ has broken the POWER of your ENEMY through His PAST VICTORY:
1 Corinthians 15:54-57

- 1) **Christ's work has brought VICTORY for the Present Saints**
 - a) **The LIFE of Christ has REVEALED the DECEPTION of Sin & Satan**
 - b) **The DEATH of Christ has BROKEN the POWER of Sin & Satan over the life of the Saints**
 - c) **The RESURRECTION of Christ has REMOVED the STING of Death for the SAINTS**

2) **The POWER Christ's WORK doesn't DIMINISH**

- a) **Sin has not GROWN my power:** Romans 5:21-6:4
- b) **Satan has not UNDONE Christ's work:** 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 2:11
- c) **Death CANNOT overcome its own defeat:** Hosea 13:14; Isaiah 25:8

3) **The VICTORY of Christ brings us to Battle sin using TESTIMONY & WORSHIP**

- a) **TESTIFYING** to the greatness of God's work in our individual lives: Revelation 12:11
- b) **SINGING** and making melody within our hearts to the Lord: Colossians 3:15-17
- c) **GIVING** thanksgiving to God the Father through Christ Jesus our Lord: Ephesians 5:19-20

Christ has EMPOWERED us to PERSEVERE in our PRESENT PURPOSE:

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

- 1) **Christ has OVERCOME this world, so be STEADFAST in the Word & Prayer**
 - a) **You need grounding in the TRUTH every day**
 - b) **Your HOPE will GROW only as you spend the time with Jesus—not the news, the Kardashians, the gym, etc.**
- 2) **Christ has OVERCOME this world, be IMMOVABLE in your BATTLE for OBEDIENCE with the Saints:** 2 Timothy 2:22; Romans 12:1-2
 - a) **Don't let Satan play you like a Garage Sale Nintendo**
 - b) **Be ALERT in your mind through RENEWING it in Scripture & Communion with the Saints**
- 3) **Abounding in the work of the Lord:** Ephesians 2:11
 - a) **"You are a person of reasonable intelligence, stop whining and find something to do!" - The Dowager Countess of Grantham**
 - b) **STOP being SPIRITUALLY LAZY—God has a job for everyone, INCLUDING you**
 - c) **G.E.T. Busy in the Kingdom of God**
 - d) **GREET God's purpose with LOVING OBEDIENCE—even the bad assignments**
 - e) **ENGAGE God's purpose with ENERGETIC ENTHUSIASM—this is a choice, don't miss it**
 - f) **THANK God for His purpose and for the People who help you along the way—cultivate that grateful heart daily**

“Gospel in Life” questions for REFLECTION & APPLICATION

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?

- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (*convict*) ME?

- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (*GOSPEL*) to ME today? (*CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story.*)

- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (*BELIEVE, REPENT, DO*) this message in MY own life this week?

- 5) **PROCLAIM:** With WHOM does God want ME to share these truths?

- 6) **PREPARE for NEXT WEEK:** Read 1 Corinthians 16