

Our Hope in His Victory

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Our hope in the resurrection enables us to stand in obedience because...

Truth #1: Our resurrection life will be far more glorious through wholeness in Christ. (vv. 35-44)

Truth #2: Our resurrection life will be marked by completed transformation into the image of Christ. (vv. 45-49)

Truth #3: Our resurrection life will be free of sin and mortality through the victory of Christ. (vv. 50-57)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. After reading vv. 42-44, discuss the difference between this life and the resurrected life. What part of this comparison that Paul gives gives you hope?
2. As you reflect on vv. 45-49, discuss your process of transformation. What about this process is refining? What is difficult? What brings joy in your process? When it says you shall bear the image of the man of heaven, what motivates you most in your context to continue to stand in obedience?
3. Read Phil. 3:20-21 and discuss how our experiences here will not be in vain. How does this bring you comfort and hope?
4. What does it mean that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God? Spend some time reflecting on John 3:1-15 and discuss the importance of "being born again"?
5. How can Paul's taunting of death in vv. 54-55 encourage you to stand in obedience?
6. Read verses 56-57 and discuss the relationship of sin, the law, and Christ's victory. How is this comforting?
7. Are you truly thankful to God for his ultimate victory over sin and death? How can you express your thankfulness more?

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