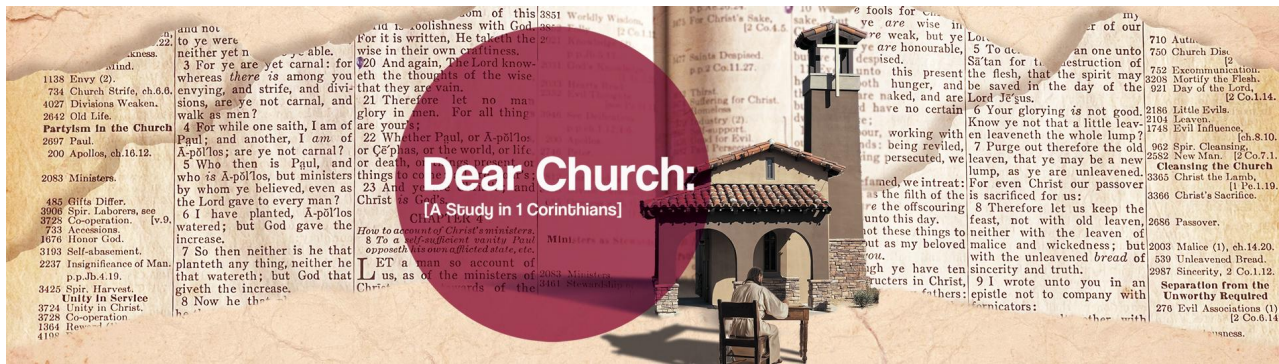




Hope of Life After Death

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 | Kevin Yule

REVIEW: As we wrap up our study of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and our future bodily resurrection, we are encouraged by Paul that we have hope...in this life, and even in death, because death has no final victory (see Rev. 20:11-14). Jesus is alive, and because He lives we, too, will live. We don't need to be afraid; we have victory in life and death because of Christ.

Grow in Your Faith:

As we begin discussion, let's all read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, and Galatians 3:21-29.

1. How would you summarize what Paul is telling the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 15:50-58? What do the other passages say to give clarity or offer more understanding to what we read in 1 Corinthians 15:50-58?
2. How do people today think that they will "inherit the kingdom of God"?
3. Paul tells us that we live in "perishable bodies." Why are these bodies not able to go to heaven? What would you tell a person who wants to be sure they will go to heaven?

Connect in Community:

4. Verse 56 talks about the "sting and power" of sin. What does this verse mean? And in your own words, share why Christians do not share the same response to death, sin, and the law, as those who do not follow Jesus? Have you been drawn to these verses when you needed comfort for someone you lost? Can you think of a scenario when you might share these words with someone?
5. What do you think it means to be steadfast and immovable as a Christian? How does one become steadfast and immovable? What role can a Christ-centered community play?

Live on Mission:

6. Paul concludes this portion of 1 Corinthians by telling the church to “abound in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” Are there times when you don’t see any results from following and sharing your faith or doing hard work in ministry? Why is our work not in vain?
7. What is one thing you desire to do as your work for the Lord
8. What is your takeaway and response to what Paul is saying in this passage?