

How Will We Go To The Father's House?

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Introduction

Timeline:

1. AD 55-56
2. Third missionary journey
3. Acts 19

The "Mystery"

- Not resurrection
- But translation (but how?)

Proposition: When we all go to the Father's house, we will undergo a unique and comprehensive physical change that will allow us to live in heaven or on earth.

I. The Revelation of the Change (verse 51)

A. How Paul showed them

1. Not a "mystery" any longer
2. Now a "revelation"

B. What Paul showed them

1. The sleepers must be changed
2. The living must also "change" (51 & 52, Heb 1:12)

II. The Speed of the Change (52)

A. In a "moment" (*atōma*)

B. In a "twinkling of an eye" (*hripē*) (Vincent¹)

III. The Signal for the Change (verse 52)

A. The "last trump"

Answer to Midtribulationism (Pentecost²)

1. No connection
2. What about Matt. 24:31?
3. *eschatē* (an eschatological end, not end of a series)

IV. The Wardrobe for the Change (53-54) (Phil. 3:21)

A. Rather than corruption, incorruption

B. Rather than mortality, immortality

C. Rather than death, victory

D. Rather than sin, forgiveness

Conclusion

On **Benjamin Franklin's tombstone** (Christ's Church, Philadelphia)

"The body of Franklin, printer, like the cover of an old book, its contents torn out and stripped of its lettering and gilding, lies here food for worms. But the work will not be lost, for it will appear once more in a new and more elegant edition, revised and corrected by the Author."

1. **M.R. Vincent:** "Originally the swing or force with which a thing is thrown; a stroke or beat. Used in the classics of the rush of a storm, the flapping of wings; the buzz of a gnat; the quivering of a harpstring; the twinkling of the stars. Generally or any rapid movement, as of the feet in running, or the quick darting of a fish." *Word Studies*, p. 806.

2. **J. Dwight Pentecost:** "The trumpet of 1 Cor. 15:52, even the midtribulationist agrees, sounds before the wrath of God descends, while, as it has been shown, the chronology of Revelation indicates that the trumpet in Revelation 11:15 sounds at the end of the time of wrath, just prior to the second advent. The trumpet that summons the church is called *the trump of God*, while the seventh trump is an angel's trumpet." *Things To Come*, p. 189-190.