

## **1 Corinthians Part Two**

### **Lesson #25, Chapter 15:50-58**

Take the time to read all of Chapter 15 before beginning your lesson. Ask the Lord to use your time of study to change you.

1. What does Paul make known in 1 Corinthians 15:1-2?
2. What is the significance of understanding the gospel correctly? See 1 Corinthians 15:12-14, 16-19.
3. List one thing you learned about the resurrection from verses 20-28.
4. How does the resurrection affect how we live according to verses 29-34?
5. List one thing you learned about our resurrection bodies from verses 35-49.
6. After reveling in the wonders of our resurrection bodies in the previous verses, what do we learn in verse 50 about our new bodies? How does that information fit in with everything Paul explained in verses 40-49 about our resurrected bodies?
7. With verse 50 in mind Paul introduces some new information in verse 51. He says he's going to tell the Corinthians a *mystery*. Explain what the word *mystery* means.

- a. What do you learn from the following verses about mysteries in the Bible? See Daniel 2:19; Romans 16:25-26; Ephesians 3:4-5; Colossians 1:25-27.
  
8. What information does Paul now share with the Corinthians that had not previously been made known? See verses 51-52.
  
9. What does Paul mean when he uses the term *sleep* in verse 51? See also 1 Corinthians 15:6, 20; Matthew 27:52; Acts 7:60; 2 Peter 3:4.
  
10. What do you learn about *dying* and those who have died from the “mystery” revealed in verses 51-52?
  - a. Paul gives more details about these events in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. What details are added from these verses?
  
11. Verse 53 explains the change that living believers will undergo when the last trumpet sounds. What do you learn takes place? Explain what that means.
  

Eager Beaver: What's the name for the “mystery” described here in these verses and in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18? See if you can find out why it got that name. (You'll need to look in extra biblical sources for this answer.)

  
12. What will happen when our perishable bodies are changed into imperishable ones according to verses 54-55?

13. Paul quotes two different Old Testament verses here in verses 54-55. What does he want to communicate to the Corinthians, and to us, by those Old Testament references?
  
14. Paul provides his own commentary for those Old Testament references in verses 56-57. Why does death no longer have the power to sting? Base your answer on what we've learned in this chapter beginning with verses 16-19.
  
15. What is the answer to the questions posed in verse 55? See also verse 57.
  
16. Explain how Christ gives us victory over death and sin. See John 16:33; Romans 5:17-19; 8:37; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Colossians 2:14.
  
17. How does that information impact your thinking about your own struggles with your sin? How does it impact your thoughts about how God sees you?
  
18. Verse 58 wraps up the chapter with some specific exhortations for us. What are we told to do in this verse?
  
19. Take some time to consider this question: Why are these admonitions a natural result of all that Paul has taught us in verses 1-57?
  
20. How should the truths of this chapter motivate you to "abound in the work of the Lord?"

21. What is the “work of the Lord?” See John 6:28-29; Romans 12:9-21; 1 Thessalonians 1:3; Titus 2:3-5, 11-14 for a sample.
  
22. What does it mean to *abound* in the Lord’s work? How are you doing in this area? What would you say hinders any abounding work?
  
23. What should you keep in mind about any labor done for the Lord according to the last part of verse 58?
  
24. How does that truth encourage you today?

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;  
Buried, He carried my sins far away;  
Rising, He justified freely forever;  
One day He’s coming—O glorious day!  
~J. Wilbur Chapman