

Consummation – Hope
Meant for More // Week 9

Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1. Nobody seems to like talking or thinking about death. In your opinion, why is that?
2. Part of the Christian hope is what we call “the resurrection of the dead.” What does this passage tell us about this resurrection of the dead?
 - a. Who inherits the Kingdom of God?
 - b. What’s the difference between us now and what we will be (when we are raised from the dead)?
3. Why does all this matter for you?
 - a. What are the implications for Paul? (notice verse 58)