

L41: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58: The Mystery of the Resurrection

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- The doctrine of the truthfulness of the resurrection
 - Its' implications
- Evil communications had corrupted their good manners
 - Living like the Gentiles do
- The mechanics/power of the resurrection & the body of the resurrection

Sermon Preview:

- The Resurrection was prophesied
 - Some things made known, some things Paul makes known about the resurrection that are true to Israel and the body of Christ.
- Some things regarding the resurrection that were not made known
 - That is freely given to us - our resurrection

Sermon:

(1 Corinthians 15:50) Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

- Brief summary of :35-49
- **"that flesh and blood"** - the body of this flesh, the natural, the earthy, weak, dishonourable, corrupt body
- **"cannot inherit the kingdom of God"**
 - **"cannot"** - unable
 - **"inherit"** - acquisition of property, maintain as a possession; to receive, as a right or title descendible by law from an ancestor at his decease
 - **"the kingdom of God"** - spiritual and physical
 - Spiritual composition
 - Sin, heaven and earth
- **"neither doth corruption"** - The act of corrupting, or state of being corrupt or putrid; the destruction of the natural form of bodies (moral)
- **"inherit incorruption"** - Incapacity of being corrupted

- Not only that which doesn't corrupt due to its nature, it has an incapacity of being corrupted

(1 Corinthians 15:51) Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

- **"Behold"** - To fix the eyes upon; to see with attention; to observe with care
- **"I shew you a mystery"**
 - 1 Cor. 4:1 - "...stewards of the mysteries of God."
 - 1 Cor. 7:7 - "...God ordained before the world unto our glory"
 - A mystery concerning the doctrine of the resurrection
 - The resurrection isn't a mystery
 - 1 Cor. 15:4 - "according to the scriptures"
 - 1 Cor. 15:23-28 - the resurrection and God being all in all
 - The order - Christ, they that are Christ's at His coming, then the end
 - (3 resurrections)
 - Genesis 3:22 (life Adam did not have yet)
 - Job 19:25-26
 - Ps. 49:10, 15 (16:10, Acts 2:24-29)
 - Ps. 71:20
 - Isa. 26:18-19
 - Ez. 37:1-14
 - Matt. 22:23ff
 - Rev. 20:5-6
 - Heb. 6:2, 11:35
 - Not that some wouldn't experience physical death
 - 1 Pet. 1:6-12
 - Hebrews rest
 - Entrance into kingdom
 - Another resurrection, (1) before "they that are Christ's at His coming", (2) that has all the benefits of the power, strength of the prophesied bodily resurrection.
 - If the Davidic Covenant is the immutability of the resurrection, then we need that resurrection with all its' fruit - this is what :50-57 is stating, as well as, the mystery nature of it that it takes place

prior to "they that are Christ's at His coming"

- **Power**

- **"we shall not all sleep"** - not every believer in the DoG will need to be sown in death to reap the benefits of the resurrection
- **"but we shall all be changed"**
 - 1 Cor. 15:37 - change of wheat
 - 1 Cor. 15:39 - a new kind of flesh
 - 1 Cor. 15:40 - celestial new kind of flesh
 - 1 Cor. 15:41 - celestial glory new kind of flesh
 - 1 Cor. 15:42 - celestial glory new kind of flesh that will differ in glory from others

 - 1 Cor. 15:43 - in glory
 - 1 Cor. 15:43 - in power
 - 1 Cor. 15:44 - a spiritual body
 - 1 Cor. 15:49 - bearing the image of the heavenly
- Philippians 3:20-21 - vile to glorious

- **Timing**

- **(1 Corinthians 15:52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**
 - **"in a moment"**
 - A decisive, definite point in time; The most minute and indivisible part of time; an instant
 - **"in the twinkling of an eye"**
 - The quickness (:45) of the resurrection
 - **"at the last trump"**
 - Not last prophesied trumpet
 - When the 7th trumpet sounds the dead are not raised
 - Rev. 11:15ff
 - The 7th trumpet isn't Israel's last trumpet even (Isa. 27:13)
 - Trump is the noise the trumpet makes, implying there must be at least two trumps

- Trumpets are used in connection with victory (:55-57)

- **"for the trumpet shall sound"**

- Explanation of the sounding off of the trumpet

1. First trump - And the dead shall be raised incorruptible,
2. Last trump - We shall be changed

- 1 The. 4:13-17

- **"incorruptible"** - not only a change from corruptible, but can never be corrupted

(1 Corinthians 15:53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

- **"For this corruptible must put on incorruption"**

- **"must put on"** - flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God
 - Christ's subduing power of the resurrection must fashion us differently
- **"corruptible...incorruption"** - not impaired, not spoiling, wasting to death, but sound and never to be corrupted

- **"and this mortal must put on immortality"**

- **"mortal...immortality"** - no longer subject to death, having life or being that shall never end

(1 Corinthians 15:54) So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

- **"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality"**

- At our resurrection

- **"then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written"**

- :4
- Isa. 25:8

- What God prophesied concerning Israel receiving the benefits of the resurrection will not take place first with Israel, but in accord with this

"mystery" God is revealing through Paul it is "we" "in Christ" during God's enduring with much long suffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction that will be resurrected first.

- There was "a mystery" in connection with the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery about another resurrection and the first time the saying being brought to pass - it won't be the last either.
- This is not the destroying of death according to verse 26.
- **"swallowed up in victory"**
 - Makes it disappear or stop existing separately by making it part of itself
 - Broken down, take away a large part of something

(1 Corinthians 15:55) O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

- Quotes from Hosea 13:14, "according to the scriptures" (:4)
 - By the resurrection and our future inheritance of the body fit for the kingdom of God and the immediate benefits of the resurrection of Christ death has lost its sting and the grave its victory.

(1 Corinthians 15:56) The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

- **"The sting of death is sin"** - "where is thy sting?"
 - Forgiveness of sin
 - Dead to sin
- **"and the strength of sin is the law"**
 - Romans 5 - sin abounded
 - Romans 6:14 - not under the law - dead to the law
- By the resurrection of Christ we have been justified and sanctified in Christ, thus death's sting has been swallowed up, and death's strong sting has been swallowed up.
- Also, by the resurrection of Christ the grave has no victory for we will inherit a new body.
 - Rom. 8:23
 - 2 Cor. 5:1-4
 - Eph. 1:13-14
 - Eph. 4:30
 - Php. 3:20-21

(1 Corinthians 15:57) But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **"But thanks be to God"**
 - Rom. 7:25
- **"which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"**
 - Sins forgiven, Dead to sin, dead to the law, mortal to immortal

(1 Corinthians 15:58) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

- **"Therefore"** - conclusion (good manners, profit, advantage, grace of God with us)
 - **"be ye stedfast"** - firmly fixed or established, constant, firm, resolute; regarding the resurrection
 - Keep in memory - Colossians 1:23
 - **"unmoveable"** - not to be moved from purpose, not to become unsettled
 - **"always abounding in the work of the Lord"** - work that proceeds from the Lord, we are to "always abound in"
 - Are you doing, or are you in the work of the Lord?
 - It is the work of the Lord that is profit or advantage
- **"forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord"**
 - Labour of love
 - Rom. 6:22
 - Incorruptible crown, reward, measure of glory that reflects most of Christ
 - The difference of glory, the reward, His image from glory to glory

Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize