

**“It’s Worth It”
(1 Corinthians 15:58)**

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³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

¹²Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. ¹⁵Moreover

we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.

¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁷and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those

also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. ²⁰But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. ²¹For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in

Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians

15:12-22

⁵¹Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in 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 will be changed.

⁵³For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put

on immortality. ⁵⁴But when this perishable will
have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will
have put on immortality, then will come about the

saying that is written,

“DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.

⁵⁵O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?

O DEATH, WHERE IS

YOUR STING?” ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and
the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷but thanks be to
God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**The resurrection of Jesus from the
dead changes everything!**

**The moment you get saved, God's
work becomes your work.**

**God's work is a great work.
It has eternal ramifications, divine dividends,
and a supernatural guarantee!**

**Your labor in the Lord
is not in vain!**

**“Be sure that nothing
you do for Him is ever
lost or ever wasted.”**

- J.B. Phillips

**“Throw yourselves into
the work of the Master,
confident that nothing you
do for Him is a waste
of time or effort.”**

- Eugene Peterson

**How long are we supposed to serve the Lord and
advance His Kingdom?**

How long???
Always! (v. 58)





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Sermon in a Sentence:

Serve the Lord with gladness, always!

Application:

- 1. Since the resurrection of Jesus from the dead changes everything, how has your life been changed? In what ways is the reality of Jesus' resurrection evident to others in your life?**
- 2. Since your labor/service in the Lord is never in vain, how does that help you or motivate you? How much time are you wasting on useless things compared to what you're doing in God's name?**
- 3. In what ways are you challenged or encouraged by the witness and work for the Lord Annette Ledbetter has done and is doing? Write Annette a note of appreciation or give her a gift as an expression of what her service to the Lord has meant to you.**
- 4. If you're not already serving the Lord, begin this week. Ask the nominating committee or a staff member for ideas for serving. Never forget your labor in the Lord is not in vain; therefore, serve the Lord with gladness, always!**