

**Because Jesus Lives**  
**Transformed Life – Firmly Fixed**

1 Corinthians 15:58

**Main Idea:** Because Jesus Lives, Our Life is Firmly Fixed in Him

**Primary Text:** “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 Corinthians 15:58**

**I. We Are Firmly Fixed in Enduring Faith – 1 Corinthians 15:58a**

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable...” **1 Corinthians 15:58a**

“Christians can be steadfast and immovable, because they know that if their worst enemy (death) has been overcome, they need fear no other enemy” **Warren Wiersbe**

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**II. We Are Firmly Fixed in Abounding Work – 1 Corinthians 15:58b**

“...always abounding in the work of the Lord...” **1 Corinthians 15:58b**

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.” **Colossians 3:23**

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” **Ephesians 2:10**

“God is always at work, and He invites us to join Him in His work.” **Henry Blackaby**

“But whatever you do, find the God-centered, Christ-exalting, Bible-saturated passion of your life, and find your way to say it and live for it and die for it. And you will make a difference that lasts. You will not waste your life.” **Pastor John Piper** (*Don't Waste Your Life*)

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**III. We Are Firmly Fixed in Growing Ministry – 1 Corinthians 15:58c**

“...knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” **1 Corinthians 15:58c**

Scholar **N. T. Wright** elaborates: “The resurrection means that what you do in the present, in working hard for the gospel, is not wasted. It is not in vain. It will be completed, will have its fulfillment, in God's future.”

“For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.” **Hebrews 6:10 // He Sees/Knows**

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“Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you **believed in vain**...if Christ has not been

raised, then our **preaching is in vain** and your **faith is in vain**...” **1 Corinthians 15:1-2, 14**

“Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.” **Ecclesiastes 1:2**

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead...” **1 Corinthians 15:20a**

**Sources and Further Reading Opportunities**

- **CSB Study Bible** – Trevin Wax, Ed. (2017)
- **Exalting Jesus in 1 Corinthians** – Daniel Akin & James Merritt (2023)
- **Tony Evans Study Bible** – Tony Evans (2019)
- **Spurgeon Study Bible** – Charles Haddon Spurgeon (2017)
- **Bible Exposition Commentary** – Warren Wiersbe (1996)
- **New American Commentary: 1 Corinthians** – Mark Taylor (2014)
- **Experiencing God** – Henry Blackaby
- **Don't Waste Your Life** – John Piper
- **Surprised by Hope** – N.T. Wright
- **Greek/Hebrew Key Study Bible** – Spiros Zodhiates, Ed. (2017)