

...but not yet

Intro:

1 Cor 15:20-23

Because He has been raised we WILL be raised

2 pet 1:3-4

It is a guaranteed promise that is supposed to be the source and motivation for our entire lives

But never forget it is still a promise... we are still waiting -

2 Pet 3:11-13

the question is what sort of people should we be while we wait?

Problem:

2 thess 2

Over realized eschatology

This is not the time for glorification but sanctification and faith

Main Idea:

You will be transformed...but not yet

You will triumph...but not yet

Today you must trust

Implication:

1 thess 5:1-15

How do we live in the not yet????

We may stumble, we may grieve but not like others do - we are of the day - our labor is not in vain

Application:

1 thess 5:16-18

Paul ends this with praise and thanksgiving - "but thanks be to God"

Rejoice always = even in the stumbling even in the sting

Pray without ceasing = even in the stumbling even in the sting

Give thanks always = even in the stumbling even in the sting

Start small

Articles for tarter study:

<http://www.barabbas.com/professors-corner-rapture-vs-second-coming/>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/rapture-of-the-church.html>

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/90-334/why-every-calvinist-should-be-a-premillennialist-part-1>

<https://www.wheelersburg.net/Downloads/Lewis%20Glory.pdf>

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Text:

You will be transformed...but not yet

1Corinthians 15:50 ¶ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1Corinthians 15:51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. **We shall** not all sleep, but **we shall** all be changed,

1Corinthians 15:52 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**.

1Corinthians 15:53 For this perishable body **must** put on the imperishable, and this mortal body **must** put on immortality.

Jn 14:1-3 (Rapture not coming matt 24 - rev 19 church already in heaven)

Jn 14:18-20 (Because He lived we will live...but not as we are...)

gen 3:22-24 (we must be transformed...and we will...but)

romans 7:4-25 (you will be transformed but not yet...in the meantime we still fail...Noah got drunk, Abraham fled to Egypt and lied about his wife, Isaac followed suit, Jacob failed over and over, Moses was a murderer and at the end of his ministry struck the rock and couldn't go in the promised land, David was an adulterer, Peter fled....Paul failed and so do we)

Phil 1:3-11; 3:1-21 (but we do not fail like others do (Peter vs Judas) rejoice in the Lord by faith)

You will triumph...but not yet

1Corinthians 15:54 **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."

1Corinthians 15:55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

1 cor 15:24-28 (we must triumph...and we will...but)

Jn 11:1-44 (you will triumph over death and its sting...but not yet...in the meantime we still grieve)

1 thess 4:13-18 (but we do not grieve like others do)

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1Corinthians 15:56 ¶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

1Corinthians 15:57 But **thanks** be to God, who **gives** (**present tense victory now**) us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

1Corinthians 15:58 ¶ 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.

rom 8:1-39 (in the midst of present patience and weakness...faith...hope...victory)

(jn 16:33 (He has overcome the world for us)

(1 Jn 5:4-5 (we overcome the word right now in the present tense through our faith)

col 3:1-17 (your labor is not in vain - your life is worth living precisely because it is not your life at all (3, 17)