

Sermon Title: "Resurrection Transformation" Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 Pastor Stephen Schultze / Sunday, November 14, 2021

Introduction:

The reality of resurrection transformation ought to be the source of great hope, joy, and motivation for everyone who trusts in Christ.

Paul reveals a glorious mystery for our present comfort.

Scripture: v. 50-53; Matthew 24:30-31, 44; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; 2 Corinthians 5:1-3

God delivers a certain victory for us to eternally celebrate. *Scripture:* v. 54-57; *Isaiah* 25:7-8; *Hosea* 13:14; *Colossians* 2:13-15

Paul commands a worshipful work for us to faithfully complete.

Scripture: v. 58; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10; 1 Thessalonians 1:3

Be firm. (1 Thessalonians 3:2-3; Colossians 2:5)

Be fruitful. (1 Thessalonians 4:1; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10)

Be faithful. (1 Thessalonians 1:3-4)

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!" And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed, And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore. *"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" / Kristin and Keith Getty*

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

- How ought the reality of our future transformation bring present comfort for believers? How can we encourage one another with this reality?
- What does it mean that "death is swallowed up in victory"? What is the sting of death and how is it removed?
- What is the work of the Lord?
- How does "knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" motivate firmness, fruitfulness, and faithfulness?
- What areas in your life need to be presently transformed by the reality of the resurrection?