

Victory in Jesus

S.R. 1 Cor. 15:55 - 58

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Introduction

- A. Have you ever gone to bed thinking your team lost – only to wake up and learn that they had won the victory.
 - 1. Throughout history God's team looked like losers for sure.
 - a. Abel, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Joshua, Naomi, David etc.
 - 2. God is good at victories.
 - 3. If ever there was a time when it looked like God's man and God's team were crushed and defeated it was at the cross of Jesus.
- B. Luke 24:17 - 35 Dejected Disciples
 - 1. They were and they looked sad.
 - 2. Our hope rests firmly and securely on the triumph of the cross and in the power of the resurrection from the dead. (Romans 1:4)
- C. Absence of Thomas (John 20:24)
 - 1. Thomas missed so much by not being with the other apostles on that first Sunday.
 - 2. He refused to believe – until (John 20:26 – 29)
- D. John 21 Peter - brought face to face with the Savior he denied.
- E. The gospel: A summary statement (1 Cor. 15:3-4)
 - 1. There is no victory in Jesus without the resurrection. (15:57)
 - 2. Do you believe that God raised Jesus from the dead? (Rom. 10:9 – 10)

I. We Are Witnesses (Acts 2:32)

- A. The witnesses of the resurrection were many.
 - 1. Luke 24:47 - 48
 - 2. 1 Cor. 15:6 500 at one time
 - 3. Acts 1:8 unique group of official representatives
 - 4. Acts 3:15
 - 5. Acts 5:32
 - 6. Acts 10:39, 41
 - 7. Acts 13:31

II. Our Hope Binds Us Together in Him

A. 1 Peter 1:3 – 9

B. Do you know Him?

1. Ph'p. 3:8 – 11 “ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that **I may gain** Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which **comes through faith in Christ**, the righteousness from God **that depends on faith**— 10 that I may know him and the **power of his resurrection**, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

III. We Are Working and Waiting Together as Family

A. “Therefore, my beloved brethren...” (1 Cor. 15:58)

B. What held the Thessalonian brethren together? (1 Th. 1:3; 2:19; 3:11 – 13; 4:13)

1. Paul as a tender mother and imploring father (1 Th. 2:7,11) We are family.
2. They understood their mission statement: Sound forth the word of the Lord.

C. When times are tough the tough stick together

1. Acts 2:42 – 46 Held together by common teaching, fellowship, and prayers.
2. Acts 4:23 – 24, “own companions” 4:31 “they prayed together”
3. Acts 4:32 – 35 Shared in common – willing to share

IV. Conclusion: Have you confessed that your victory is in Jesus.

A. Do you see Him? (Hebrews 2:9 – 10)

B. Do you confess that God raised Him from the dead? (Romans 10:9 – 11)

1. Does your daily life match up with that confession?
2. Is God being glorified by your “obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ”? (2 Cor. 9:13)

C. Have you been raised to victory in Jesus? (Romans 6:3 – 11)

D. Death no longer has victory over one raised to new life in Christ (1 Cor.15:55).