

# Celebrate EASTER SUNDAY

## “FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH”

1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-57

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**Introduction:** Many Easter sermons center on the historical evidence for or the theological significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. But today, we are going to look at this monumental event from an intensely practical perspective. “WHAT DOES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST MEAN TO ME?”

### I. **The Democracy Of Death** (1 Corinthians 15:50-53)

1 Corinthians 15:22 “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.”

1 Corinthians 15:50 “Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.”

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 <sup>51</sup> “Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, <sup>52</sup> 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 will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.”

### II. **The Distress Of Death** (1 Corinthians 15:54-55)

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 <sup>54</sup> “But 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. <sup>55</sup> O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?’”

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### III. The Defeat Of Death (1 Corinthians 15:56-57)

1 Corinthians 15:56-57 <sup>56</sup> “The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; <sup>57</sup> but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

John 5:24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

John 6:40 “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

John 11:25 “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies.’”

John 14:2-3 <sup>2</sup> “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”

Revelation 21:4 “And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

Conclusion