

GRACE

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To Enjoy and Express the Freeing Hope of Jesus

Because He Lives

A worship
series through
1Corinthians 15

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1Cor 15:50-58
"Stingless"

³⁵ *But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised?
With what kind of body do they come?"*

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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.

⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 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."
55 "O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"*

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Facing Deaths

1Cor 15

"Flesh & Blood, Dead,
Mortality, Perishable, Sin"

Psalms 23:4a

Even though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death

The Death of...		
A Loved One	A Relationship	My Pride
A Season of Life	A Dream	My Hope

Defeating Death

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Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, ***who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.***

Living Stingless

“As for the grave, dear brothers and sisters, let us answer its foul-mouthed boastings. We tell the grave that it has no victory in itself. 'Tis true we shall sleep in it, but we sleep as victors; we hear the shout of triumph, and we lie down as warriors taking their rest, not as vanquished ones.”

Spurgeon, A Challenge and War Cry

Significant vs. Ultimate

Romans 8:18

For I **consider** that the sufferings of this present time are not worth **comparing** with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Consider

Compare

Because Jesus Lives...

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Steadfast

Immovable

Serving

Psalm 39:4-7

O LORD, make me know my end
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

⁵ Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

Surely all mankind stands as a mere
breath! Selah

⁶ Surely a man goes about as a shadow!
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
man heaps up wealth and does not
know who will gather!

⁷ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.

Revelation 22:3-4

No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

Response: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;

Response: Psalm 23

your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.