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**Serving The Lord Without Fear**

**1 Corinthians 15:50-58**

**Key Truth:** The resurrection of Jesus Christ removes the fear of death, eliminating any excuse for the Christian not to serve passionately.

1. Death is a byproduct of sin.

 A. Sin conflicts with God’s law. Psalm 19:7-11

 B. Sin has a final destination. Romans 1:23

2. The fear of death is a major hindrance to serving.

 A. The difficulty accepting the idea of death. John 3:3,5

 B. Understanding Christ’s resurrection eases our fears.

 Hebrews 2:14-3:1

 C. The promise of our resurrection is enough to remove all

 doubts.

3. We now have victory over the sting of death.

 A. Because Jesus died we can live.

 B. Because Jesus rose again we are more than conquerors.

 Romans 8:37

4. We are now free to serve wholeheartedly.

 A. We serve because we believe. John 6:28-29

 C. We are to serve without ceasing. Galatians 6:9,

 Philippians 2:12-13

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Jesus Christ’s resurrection has made it possible for us to overcome our fears. Believe in the work of Jesus Christ and serve Him and others to the fullest.

**Food For Thought**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

In Romans 8:24, Paul referred to the future resurrection of our bodies as the hope in which we have been saved. As believers, we have a clear and certain hope that one day our bodies will be raised and renewed. All of our friends and loved ones who followed Christ in this life will be reunited with new bodies in the next. We all, like Jesus, will be changed from perishable to imperishable. This gives us reason for hope.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-50: What two questions did Paul address in these verses?

What analogies did he use to make his point? What was his tone?

Why did Paul believe those questions to be the wrong ones to ask?

What point was Paul making in verse 38-40? What does this teach us about God?

What was Christ’s body like after His resurrection (see Matt. 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-53; John 20:1–21:23; Acts 1:1-9)?

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58.

What should your response be to the resurrection?

Paul’s language in this verse shows continual action. How important is consistency in the life of a Christian?