



4.19.20 Pulpit Curriculum: The Victory

Main passage: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

1. v. 54-56 – Our Victory Spoils: Resurrection Grace Received

What are the graces (undeserved gifts) that Christ has purchased for us? (Revelation 1:5-6, Ephesians 1:3-14, 1 John 3:1)

What are the practical implications of Christ's victory over death and sin?

2. v. 57-58 – Our Victory Dance: Resurrection Power Applied

So because of Christ's victory and all the blessings he has purchased for us, we are to be steadfast and immovable (fixed in character and commitment). We are to **abound in the work of the Lord**. We can take heart, knowing that **our labor is not in vain!**

The Bible exhorts us to serve God faithfully and with gladness, knowing what He has done for us (1 Samuel 12:24; Psalm 100:2).

Our duty is clear (Romans 12:1). We are not sufficient, but Christ is (2 Corinthians 2:14-17). Our reward is certain (Matthew 10:40-42; Matthew 25:31-40).

What is your attitude toward work for the Lord? Give adjectives. Good or bad, why does the thought of work for the Lord make you feel that way? What are the thoughts that drive those feelings?

Do you know how and where you can "abound in work for the Lord"? Serving God may mean making opportunities, and it may mean identifying opportunities you already have (Colossians 3:17, 23-24).

If you have more time in this crisis, are you spending more with Him? Do you need ideas for ways to serve others in need? If you're working more hours than ever, are you not grumbling (Philippians 2:14-16), but encouraging your co-workers in Christ and being the aroma of Christ (2 Corinthians 2:15) to non-believers? If you're parenting children stuck at home doing school online, are you pointing them toward Christ in your words and deeds?

Do you have what you need to serve the Kingdom of God? How can our Lifegroup help equip and enable you?

Prayer Guide

Missionaries throughout the world. Pray for open doors for them to share the gospel. Pray for them to be bold and clear as they share the hope of Christ. Pray for the provision to continue in their ministry efforts abroad. Pray for their safety and for them to find joy in their labors of love.

Pray for victims of sex trafficking.

Pray that the Lord would put a stop to this unspeakably wicked industry. Pray that significant leaders in this industry would be caught and brought to justice. Pray that these vile networks would be dissolved. Pray for the victims to be rescued, not only physically but spiritually. Pray for the victims to find the light of Christ and to be comforted by His Grace, and saturated in His love.

Pray for the scientific community.

Pray for those doing the research to find a vaccine for the Coronavirus. Pray that the Lord would bring many to salvation. Pray for their energy to continue to work long hours and for clarity of mind as they work. Pray for their physical safety and the safety of their families as they are often in close proximity to the deadly virus. Pray that the Lord would make the link in their minds between this grievous pandemic and the far more grievous virus of sin. May many be driven to the hope of Christ.

Scripture Guide

Psalm 98

Jude 24,25

2 Peter 1:3-11