

Sermon Title: Rise Up, Get On Up

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to find joy and hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Sermon Proposition: There are 3 reasons why the unbeliever should seek and the believer should have hope and joy in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Introduction: 1 Peter 1:3-7

I. The secret of the resurrection revealed. Vv.51-53

II. The success of the resurrection revealed. Vv.54-56

III. The stability of the resurrection revealed. Vv.57-58

I. The secret of the resurrection revealed. Vv.51-53

A. The secret concerning the bodies belonging to living believers.

B. The secret concerning the bodies belonging to departed believers.

II. The success of the resurrection revealed. Vv.54-56

A. The success of the resurrection destroys the victory of death. V.54

1. The success over Spiritual death.

John 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 8:51 "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."

Revelation 2:11 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."

2. The success over physical death.

Psalms 55:4 My heart is severely pained within me, And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

Hebrews 2:15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

B. The success of the resurrection destroys the victory of hades. V.55

1. The success over the devil.

Matthew 13:39 "The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

C. The success of the resurrection destroys the victory of sin. V.56a

1. The success over the world.

Galatians 1:4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

John 2:15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.

James 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Romans 6:22-23 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. The success over the flesh.

Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find.

Romans 8:8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

1 John 2:16 For all that *is* in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world.

D. The success of the resurrection destroys the victory of the law. V.56b

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Romans 7:7-13 What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." **8** But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all *manner of evil* desire. For apart from the law sin *was* dead. **9** I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. **10** And the commandment, which *was* to *bring* life, I found to *bring* death. **11** For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed *me*. **12** Therefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. **13** Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

III. The stability of the resurrection revealed. Vv.57-58

A. The stability of the resurrection is found in Christ Jesus. V.57

The Scriptures enhance our joy at the reality of the resurrection by quoting

Isaiah 25:8 He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

And

Hosea 13:14 "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes."

The quote taunts death as if it was a bee whose sting was removed. That sting was the sin that was exposed by the law of God, but conquered and overcome by Christ in His death, validated by His resurrection and the resurrection of all who believes in Him.

B. The stability of the resurrection is found in Christians. V.58

The hope of the resurrection makes all the work and sacrifices in Jesus Christ's work worth it. No service done in His name is wasted or empty in light of the eternal glory and inheritance that awaits every true believer.

The believer as result of the resurrection is to realize that anything we realize, prioritize, and worship in life is vanity, but labor for the Lord has eternal value.