

THE FINAL VICTORY
Transformation of the Dead and the Living
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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INTRODUCTION: Paul has set forth the proof of the resurrection of the believer's body. He has demonstrated the fact of the resurrection of Christ and set forth the evidence to support it. He has clearly shown its implications for Christians and has pointed out that Christ is only the firstfruits and that all believers during the Church Age will be the great harvest gathered in at His coming. In other words the resurrection of believers takes place, not at the time of death, but at the return of Christ for His own. One further question therefore remains to be answered – What about believers who are alive when Christ returns? Their question was the exact opposite of that of the Thessalonian believers who wanted to know what would happen to believers who had died prior to Christ's coming. Must a believer die in order to be a partaker of the blessings Paul speaks of that awaits those who will be raised from the dead? In the passage before us this evening Paul will show that there must be a change of the body, whether of the living or the dead, to be made ready for the future glory that awaits all believers.

I. THE _____ THAT **CHANGES** - 1 Cor. 15:50-53

II. THE _____ THAT **COMFORTS** - 1 Cor. 15:54-57

III. THE _____ THAT **CHALLENGES** - 1 Cor. 15:58

A. A WORD OF _____ -

B. A WORD OF _____ -

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C. A WORD OF _____ -