



Death and Life in Jesus

1 Corinthians 15 and the Ailing Christian

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Today's Sermon

- Scripture (1 Corinthians 15)
- Vignette (My current story)
- Issues (Questions to work through)
- Application (Using today's sermon)
- Concluding thoughts

1 Corinthians 15

- v.1
- vv.3-4
- vv.12-14/17-19
- vv.20-22
- vv.30-32
- vv.35-37/42-43
- vv.54-57

1 Corinthians 15.54-57

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!

O Death, where is your victory?

O Death, where is your sting?

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

Vignette

- My life up until now
- The week of August 23rd, 2016
- Remembering the Gospel
 - Death has no sting
 - But I certainly want to live
- Turning to Jesus
 - Jesus is The Healer
 - Jesus raises people from the dead
 - Does Jesus still heal? Will He heal me?

Issues

- What Scripture tells us about Jesus:
 - He “took our infirmities and bore our diseases” (Mt. 8.17)
 - He healed everyone who came to him (e.g. Lk. 17.11-19)
 - He “is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Heb 13.8)
 - He commissioned the disciples for healing (e.g. Lk. 10.9)
 - His disciples healed in Jesus’ name (e.g. Acts 3.16)
 - His disciples did “greater still” (Jn 14.12, e.g. Acts 19.12)
- What I know from my close friends:
 - Story after story after story of God healing people miraculously today

Issues

- What I also know:
 - Not everyone who prays for healing is healed
- What I have concluded so far:
 - Our God is an able healer
 - He heals countless people miraculously, even today
 - We should have faith in Him for healing
 - But should He not heal, for whatever reason, we have more than enough reason to rejoice

Application

- When you encounter the sick
 - Remember Jesus, his compassion, and his commission
 - When praying: have faith first, ask questions later!
- When you are sick
 - Stay in the Scripture! Soak in the word of God.
 - Pray the Psalms (e.g. Psalm 30, 91; 13, 38)
 - Lean on Christians who love, know, and exude Jesus
 - “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” (Romans 12.12)
 - Remember that God loves you more than you do.

Concluding Thoughts

- There is always so much to be thankful for
- Whatever has befallen me could have been worse
- What has befallen me, God can use to refine me
- What has befallen me, I can use to glorify God
- Jesus has suffered more – physically
- God has given up more – eternally
- Because of who our God is, there is always hope