

June 27, 2021

I Corinthians 15:50-58 "In The Twinkling Of An Eye"

1. **OBSERVATIONS OF THE RAPTURE FROM SCRIPTURE**, Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.
2. There is a mystery at hand, not all people will die.
3. Whether raised from the dead or caught up all believers will be changed.
4. This change will happen in the twinkling of an eye, instantly.
5. Mortality will be replaced with immortality.
6. **RAPTURE RESULTS IN**, Victory over death.
7. **MOTIVATIONS OF THE RAPTURE**, Thanks given to God who gives us the victory through Jesus.
8. Therefore, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.
9. What you do in obedience and service to the Lord from a sincere heart will not be in vain.

APPLICATION: (Mystery revealed, the "plan" from Scripture)

27 "Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; 28 and in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and this too, from God. 29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer on His behalf, 30 experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

Chapter 2, Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus," **Philippians 1:27-2:5** (NASB)

16 "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord."

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NASB)

12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to reward each one as his work deserves." **Revelation 22:12** (NASB)

Today is what you've got. Can't do anything about lost time and missed opportunities. Tomorrow, it's just out of reach. It reminds me of the sign on an old gas station, "Free gas tomorrow," the old guy in charge assured each inquiring customer, yep, come back "tomorrow" then you can fill er up on me! You get the point. Seize the day, and in so doing, seize the day with the Lord in mind, serving Him with your whole heart.