

HIGHLANDS CHURCH

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Study Guide

# Resurrection Living

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## Major Points

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- 1 Our perishable, sin-tainted bodies cannot inherit the kingdom of God, so believers must be transformed — a mystery we humbly trust God to accomplish**  
*1 Corinthians 15:50-52*
- 2 Death is swallowed up in victory through Jesus Christ — one day it will have no sting and no hold on believers**  
*1 Corinthians 15:54-55*
- 3 The law was designed to expose our inability to achieve righteousness on our own, driving us to put our faith in Christ alone rather than self-effort**  
*Galatians 3:23-25*
- 4 Victory comes entirely through Jesus Christ, not through human effort or religious performance — on our worst and best days alike**  
*1 Corinthians 15:57*
- 5 Because we know the final outcome, believers are called to be steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing their labor is never in vain**  
*1 Corinthians 15:58*

## Key Quotes

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*“Don't forget who wins in the end. Don't forget what's coming. Don't forget the promises I have made both to you and anyone that has put their faith in me in the past. And don't forget where we're going to end up.*

at 4:49

*“If there was a mystery to Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, writing God's inerrant word, here's what this guy's not going to do. Tell you what that mystery is and give you my opinion on it.*

at 13:00

*“The whole purpose of the law was meant to give you every opportunity to live up to it. And every time you failed to look at God and go, God, I failed again. I can't do this on my own. And God to say exactly, that's why I sent Jesus.*

at 19:41

*“God chooses to love me in spite of me. It's because of who he is.*

at 22:54

*“God does his greatest work when we feel like our back is against the wall.”*

at 30:32

## Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Yule used a football analogy to illustrate how knowing the outcome changes how we view the present struggle. How does the certainty of Christ's victory reshape the way you handle difficulties this week?

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2. Pastor Yule said that Paul calls the resurrection transformation a 'mystery' and warned against overstepping to explain it. How comfortable are you with leaving room for mystery in your faith, and why is that important?

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3. In discussing 1 Corinthians 15:56-57, Pastor Yule explained that the law was meant to drive us to the end of ourselves. Can you share a time when you reached the end of your own effort and found God's grace sufficient?

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4. Pastor Yule shared a story of one college student whose gospel witness led to an entire family coming to faith over decades. How does that story encourage you when your own efforts feel fruitless?

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5. Pastor Yule challenged us to be 'steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.' Which of these three descriptions is most difficult for you right now, and what would it look like to grow in that area?

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## Word Studies

## **mysterion**

*Greek*

A hidden truth or secret now revealed by God; something beyond human ability to discover apart from divine revelation. In 1 Corinthians 15:51, Paul uses it to describe the transformation of believers at the resurrection — a truth previously unknown and still not fully comprehensible.

*Usage: 27 times in NT*

## **aphtharsia**

*Greek*

Incorruptibility, immortality, imperishableness. Describes the quality of the resurrected body that will no longer be subject to decay, disease, or death. Used in 1 Corinthians 15:42, 50, 53-54 to contrast with the perishable nature of our current bodies.

*Usage: 8 times in NT*

## **hedraios**

*Greek*

Seated, settled, firm, steadfast. Derived from the word for 'seat' or 'chair,' it conveys the image of being so firmly planted that nothing can move you. In 1 Corinthians 15:58, Paul uses it alongside 'immovable' to describe how believers should live in light of the resurrection hope.

*Usage: 3 times in NT*

## **Cross References**

### **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

Paul writes that our outer self is wasting away while our inner self is being renewed, and that we fix our eyes on what is unseen and eternal — directly paralleling Pastor Yule's call to keep eyes on the final outcome rather than present decay.

### **Revelation 21:4**

God will wipe away every tear, and death shall be no more — the ultimate fulfillment of the promise Pastor Yule emphasized from Isaiah 25, when death is swallowed up in victory.

### **Philippians 3:20-21**

Our citizenship is in heaven, and Christ will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body — reinforcing both the resurrection transformation and the heavenly citizenship Pastor Yule described.

### **Romans 8:37-39**

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus — supporting the steadfast, immovable posture Pastor Yule called believers to maintain in the face of cultural chaos and fear.

### Colossians 1:21-23

Paul calls believers to continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel — the same language and exhortation Pastor Yule drew from 1 Corinthians 15:58.

## Further Reading

- **Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church**  
*by N.T. Wright*
- **The Resurrection of the Son of God**  
*by N.T. Wright*
- **Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers**  
*by Dane Ortlund*

## Scripture References

REFERENCE	TYPE	TIME	CONTEXT
1 Corinthians 15:50-58	Read Aloud	9 : 27	<i>I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot ...</i>
Ephesians 1:13-14	Referenced	10 : 20	
Romans 8:17	Referenced	10 : 25	
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Referenced	11 : 55	
Isaiah 25:8	Referenced	14 : 12	
Galatians 3:21-26	Read Aloud	16 : 45	<i>Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? C...</i>
Romans 6:23	Referenced	16 : 23	
Philippians 2:15	Referenced	6 : 59	
Hebrews 12:2	Referenced	32 : 41	
Galatians 6:9	Referenced	27 : 25	