

The Mystery of the Resurrection: Together: A Study of 1 Corinthians

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Key Truth: The Resurrection is a miraculous, instantaneous transformative work of God that brings victory over sin and signals the death of death.

When Paul speaks of “mystery,” he is not primarily speaking of something unknowable to the human mind, but of something that is incapable of being discovered or even refuted solely by the human mind or experience. Paul uses the word “mystery” several times in his letters, often to talk about the gospel. From a biblical standpoint, “mystery” is the Plan or Work of God that was previously unrevealed. It is the unfolding revelation of God through His Word that. Not everyone “gets” it or understands it. But God reveals this mystery through his Word, and those who receive it in faith will be changed by it.

DISCUSS

Read **1 Corinthians 15:50-58** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on “**The Mystery of the Resurrection.**”

DIG IN

1. **What can we know about this mystery?** (1 Cor. 15:50-56)

A. Miraculous Transformation. (vv. 50-51)

In what ways do people try to “transition” into Christianity without a true transformation?

In what ways do verses 50 and 51 speak of a miraculous transformation?

B. Instantaneous Change. (vv. 51b-52)

In what ways does this change demonstrate God’s power? How does this contrast with the world’s view of change?

C. Does not require our own physical Death. (vv. 51 & 53)

What does Paul mean by the phrase, “We shall not all sleep” (see First Corinthians 15:18 & 20)?

What are the phenomena that accompany the resurrection of the saints (see 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)?

D. Proclaims Victory over sin and death. (vv. 54-56)

In what ways is this both a future and present reality (see Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 20:14; 21:4)?

2. **What should we do with this mystery?** (vv. 57-58)

Read v. 58: In what ways should we both be “immovable” and “always abounding in the work of the Lord?”

DO

In what ways will you put what you’ve learned into practice this week?