

## ***What Does Resurrection Sunday Say To Us?***

### ***Easter***

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

April 16, 2017

**1 Corinthians 15:57**, *But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup>Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

### **At Its Core, Christianity Has Always Been Based On The Facts:**

**Fact 1:** Jesus was crucified on a Roman cross and buried in a tomb!

**Fact 2:** The tomb Jesus was buried in, was empty on that first Sunday as verified by Jesus' followers and His enemies.

**Fact 3:** Jesus was seen on many occasions by many people after His physical resurrection.

**Fact 4:** The once fearful disciples and followers became bold and fearless proclaimers of the resurrection to the point of martyrdom!

### **Three Things Resurrection Sunday Says To Us:**

#### **1. God Gives Us Victory Over DEATH!**

**1 Corinthians 15:57**, *But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**1 Corinthians 15:55**, *“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”*

**2 Corinthians 2:14**, *But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him everywhere.*

#### **2. Resurrection Sunday Should Shape Our LIVES**

**1 Corinthians 15:58**, *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord...*

- **A Settled Christian MIND**
- **A Strong Christian WILL**
- **A Steady Christian EFFORT**

#### **3. Resurrection Sunday Guarantees Our VICTORY**

**1 Corinthians 15:58**, *...because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

### **Our Guaranteed Success:**

#### ➤ **Will Be Filled With Opportunities And OBSTACLES!**

**1 Corinthians 16:9**, *...because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.*

#### ➤ **Gives Us Meaning, Purpose And FULFILLMENT!**

**John 10:10**, *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

**John 11:25**, *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup>and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”*

### **Cottonwood Creek Challenge:**

- Follow the Pastor's daily blog! You can find it on his website: [johnmarkcaton.com](http://johnmarkcaton.com); Twitter: [@johnmarkcaton](https://twitter.com/johnmarkcaton); Facebook: /johnmarkcaton; Instagram: PastorJohnMark.
- Pastor's Men's Bible Study will begin a new series entitled, 'God's Plan For Every Man!' Join us on Tuesdays at 6:00a in room A234.