

HOPE – NOW BUT NOT YET

“YOU Are Not Alone”

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1 Corinthians 15, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, + 5:17,
and Romans 8:22-25

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 “Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—otherwise you have believed in vain.³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,⁴ that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.”

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1 Corinthians 15:2 “...hold fast to the word I preached to you—otherwise you have believed in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:13-14 “If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.”

1 Corinthians 15:17 “And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.”

1 Corinthians 15:51-55 “Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

Romans 8:22-25 “We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

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, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

ASK YOURSELF:

1. Where do your beliefs come from? How did you come to the beliefs and values you hold?
2. What is your relationship with the texts of the Bible? Do you believe they are pertinent to you and could change your life, and why or why not?
3. What does the good news Jesus proclaims, that the kingdom of Heaven is near, mean to you?
4. Has your life felt like it's on a downward spiral? If so, where can the Good News of salvation and grace bring hope to you?
5. Are your daily thoughts and actions life-giving or life-draining for you and others?