

The Big Change

1 Cor 15:50-57; Coast Community Church; Earl Miles; 3-24-2024

1. The Big Change and the Kingdom (50)

⁵⁰ Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Triumphal Entry

Palm Sunday was about the welcoming of the King and His kingdom! – Matthew 21:5; Mark 11:9-10; Luke 19:37-38; John 12:12-14

The Inherited Kingdom

The inherited kingdom of God is where:

- God's will is perfectly and wholeheartedly done. – Matthew 6:10
- God's joy and pleasures are experienced fully and forever. – Psalm 16:11
- God's people are united in perfect love for God and one another. – Romans 14:17

All those who love God will inherit the kingdom. – 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:5; James 5:2

The Day of Small Things

Don't be discouraged in the day of small things! – Zechariah 4:10; Matthew 13:31-32

Our faith and love and joy and peace are like a mustard seed now but will be a large tree in glory.

2. The Big Change and the Last Trumpet (51-53)

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

The Feast of Trumpets - Leviticus 23:24, 25

The Last Trumpet

The Last Trumpet is:

- Announcing the End of all things
- Announcing the resurrection of believers
- Announcing the judgment of unbelievers
- Announcing the return of Christ – Matthew 24:29-31; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 8:2; 11:15-18

Little Change

Don't be discouraged by little change! – Romans 7:15-25

3. The Big Change and Victory over Death (54-57)

⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. ⁵⁵ O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Enemy Death

Death is (apart from Christ):

- The penalty the Law requires for sin. – Romans 6:23
- The picture of separation from life and from God. – Isaiah 38:18
- The physical beginning of the experience of eternal death. – Revelation 20:13-14

The Victory in Christ

In Christ we have:

- Victory over (freedom from) Sin's Reign – Romans 6:14
- Victory over (freedom from) Law's Condemnation – Romans 8:1
- Victory over Death's Verdict – Romans 6:23

Misleading Appearances

Don't be discouraged by present appearances! – 2 Corinthians 4:7-18; Matthew 12:20

No Big Change?

No matter how much we may grow in this life, there will be a 'big change' when the spirits of righteous men are made perfect in heaven (Hebrews 12:23) and when this corruptible body will put on incorruption at the resurrection!