

Title : Always Abounding
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Text : 1 Corinthians 15:57, 58

“57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:57, 58)

Introduction

Easter declares Christ is Risen! – the hope for all who know and believe that their life in the Lord and their work for the Lord is never in vain but has an eternal destiny! The work of the Lord thrives in the reality and experience of His resurrection! Death and sin cannot stop anyone from experiencing this blessed hope in their life. We experience His work in our life first before we can work for Him!

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Always an encouragement! – Our God abounds in goodness, mercy, truth, loving kindness and faithfulness (**Exodus 34:6, Numbers 14:18; Psalm 86:5, 15; 103:8; Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2**).

What about us?

What should we do now that we have tasted and have experienced His abundance?

The apostle Paul gives us some hints in the height of his exhortation in

1 Corinthians 15:57, 58!

I. Stay firm in your faith (v58) ... be steadfast, immovable.

- Be firm that your sins are forgiven ... this is a consequence of the cross and the resurrection! (**1 Corinthians 15:1-3, 17 – note 2 Corinthians 5:21** – He made Jesus who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him)
- Be firm that you are victorious ... He has put all things under His feet (**1 Corinthians 15:27; Philippians 2:9, 10, 11**)

II. Get involved in His work (v58) ... always abounding

- Give yourself fully, enthusiastically ... doing it unto Him (**Colossians 3:23**).
- Serve as His grace enables you ... God's grace is sufficient always (**1 Corinthians 15:10; 2 Corinthians 9:8**)

III. What you do matters (v58) ... your labour is not in vain in the Lord!

- Do good because what you have done on this earth will be presented before Jesus the Judge (**2 Corinthians 5:10; Remember Galatians 6:9, 10**)

- Do God's Will and it would involve serving the Lord in bringing people back to our God and Heavenly Father

Conclusion

"I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back" (Philippians 3:12 – 14 (Message))