

**“THE CHURCH RESOLUTE AND
RESILIENT”**

1 Corinthians 15:58

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, it summarizes Jesus victory over all, beginning at **verse 20-28**, and then **verses 51-57**. The last enemy is death. He gives victory to His follower. He has given his followers an argument, and confidence since they are on solid ground, not just theologically, but in reality! The Corinthians were quite insecure and second guessed themselves. **Verse 28** is a life verse for any Christian, at any age, in any time!

BELOVED BRETHREN

There is no doubt that Paul loves them. He has had some tough talks with some tough love. Paul addresses the future, their destiny. Jesus is coming, **verses 23-27**! The last enemy is destroyed, death! We do need to wait, but not be idle. We must be busy now! The coming of the Lord is a motivator, **1 Peter 4:7, Acts 1:11**. Jesus said, **“Occupy til I come”**, **Luke 19:13**.

STEADFAST, UNMOVABLE

We need to be steadfast in the truth. Corinth was lost in a sea of temples and philosophies. In that culture, even going against homosexuality was considered an attack on Roman society. We have to be settled and secure in what we believe. Don't be shaken! Embrace the underdog status!

COURAGE

Courage is something that the saints are admonished to have. We can because the Lord is with us! Hezekiah was encouraged to be strong and not afraid in **2 Chronicles 32:7, 8**. It is always helpful to remember that the invisible majority is with *us* in the spiritual realm as it was with Elisha and Dothan in **2 Kings 6:16, 17**.

CHRISTIANITY AROUND THE GLOBE

While some feel that there is a demise in Christianity today, that is not true around the globe. There is explosive growth outside of the West. Africa has grown from 10 million to 360 million Christians in the past 100+ years. Latin America and Asia have also experienced great growth. By the year 2050 it is expected that there will be over 3 billion Christians on the planet, more than the Muslims.

In America there is great growth in non-denominational churches, while it is liberal Christianity that is dying. This is one of the strongest trends in the past 2 decades. It should be noted that many young people who leave the church were never really walking with the Lord to begin with!

CONSIDER

We are to abound in the work of the Lord. Wherever we are, that is the place of our calling. Justin Martyr wrote a treatise to explain Christianity to the government officials of the Roman Empire. He explained that Christians exceed the normal expectations of citizenship, but they will not compromise their relationship to Jesus! They will pay their taxes, and pray for the emperor, but not to him. Tyranny and threats are powerless against Christians. *“You can kill us, but you cannot hurt us.” This claim rests on the truth of the resurrection!*

PRAY

- * That we would have hearts that love the lost! Lord, help us be more evangelistic in our lifestyles!
- * That we would be busy about the work of the Lord!