

**Acts 1:1-9:**

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight .

**1 Corinthians 15:51-58:**

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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 shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.



Love &amp; Unity

Loving the Mission: Our Work (Matthew 28:19-20)

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1. Think back to a moment in life when you started a new job with a new company. How excited were you about your new company in comparison to the old one? Over time, did your excitement over the new job and new company fade? Why?
  
2. Now think of your time serving the Lord. When you compare today to when you first began to serve, has your love for the Lord's work faded? Why?
  
3. As you consider Christ's words in Matthew 28:19-20—*our Great Commission*—how might we encourage our own hearts to remain passionate about the Lord's work? Now read 1 Corinthians 15:51-58. How does the resurrection and your heavenly hope encourage you to abound in the work of the Lord until he returns or takes you home?
  
4. How does it encourage you to know Christ's spiritual presence is with you as you labor in his mission? Why is it important to rest in Christ as we minister in and serve his kingdom?