

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church
Date: September 5, 2021
Title: "In the Twinkling of An Eye"
Text: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

INTRODUCTION:

Family Secrets . . .

"Listen, I tell you a mystery" (μυστήριον *mustérion*)

THE _____ OF THE MYSTERY (vss. 50-53)

"We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed."

This even is called "the _____" by theologians.

- First promised by Jesus in John 14:3
- Paul further explained Jesus' promise in 1 Thess. 4:13-17

1. The Rapture's _____ (cp. Rev. 3:10).

Jesus promised His church: "I will keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth."

2. The Rapture's _____ (52a).

"In a flash (ἄτομος), in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet."

3. The Rapture's _____ (52b).

4. The Rapture's _____.

Definition = about to happen; impending; at hand; close; near; approaching

THE _____ OF THE MYSTERY (vss. 54-57)

1. Death has been "swallowed up in _____."

Paul quotes two Old Testament passages (Isaiah 25:8 and Hosea 13:14).

- A. Death is an enemy that _____ us all.
- B. Death is an enemy that our Savior has _____.
- C. Death is an enemy that our Savior has _____.

2. The _____ seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10).
3. The "wedding" & "wedding supper" of the Lamb (Rev. 19:6-9, 14).
The Bride of Christ (the Church) will return with Him at His 2nd Advent.

OUR _____ TO THE MYSTERY (vs. 58)

1. Stand firm in the apostles' **teaching** (15:2).
Dr. Bruce Waltke - "To reject bodily resurrection eviscerates the gospel and makes faith 'vain' because it has an unworthy object; namely, another dead man."
2. Let **nothing** move you.

- In context: Don't be moved by the **denials** of false teachers (15:12, 33-34).

- By application: Don't be moved by **anyone** or by **anything**.
3. "**Always** give yourselves **fully** to the work of the Lord." Why?
 - A. You will be **rewarded** by Jesus (2 Cor. 5:10).
See Matthew 19:28, 29
 - B. You will **reap** if you don't **give up** (Gal. 6:9).
4. Don't _____!!!