

CHURCH

We Will Be Changed

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Why is a change necessary? (v50) “flesh and blood cannot enter the kingdom of God”

Who is changed? (v51) “we [the righteous] shall all be changed”

- The Righteous Living (*those who are alive*)- 1 Thessalonians 4:15
- The Righteous Dead (*those who sleep*)- 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Luke 8:52-53; John 11:11-26
- There are two deaths and two resurrections (*this doesn't have to be confusing!*)
John 5:28-29; Revelation 2:11; 20:6, 14; 21:8; Hebrews 2:9, 14

When does the change take place? (v52)

- The change happens in a moment.
- This moment of change is at the last trumpet- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- The dead in Christ are changed when they are “raised”. Where are they raised from?

What is the change? (vv52-54)

- The change is from **mortal** to **immortal**. 1 Timothy 6:16; John 3:16; Romans 6:23
- Humanity is mortal. We are not given the gift of eternal life until the 2nd coming.

Further Study on the Mortality of the Soul

- The life of the soul depends on the breath of God.
Genesis 2:7; 3:19; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Ezekiel 18:20
- The dead are unconscious and inactive
Eccl. 9:5,6,10; Psalm 6:5; 115:17; 146:3-4; Job 7:9-10
- The dead are in the same state as the unborn.
Jeremiah 1:5; Ephesians 1:4; Galatians 1:15
- The immortal soul of sinners is a lie of the devil. *Genesis 3:4*
- Interaction with the “dead” is abomination to the Lord. *Deuteronomy 18:9-12*

It's part of the story of love!

- How is it loving for God to give immortality to His people?
- How it is loving for God to not give immortality to sinful humanity?
- How is it loving for the righteous dead to sleep in their graves? For immortality to be withheld until the Second Coming?