

1 Cor 15: 57, 58

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v 58 - Greek words

- ἔσπασις ἢ ἔσπασις = lit. scattered, firm, steadfast
metaphorical ἢ moral fixity.

- ἀμετακίνητος - ἢ ἀμετακίνητος = immovable.

- περισσεύοντες - ἢ περισσεύω - I exceed the
ordinary, the necessary, I abound,
overflow; I am left over

- exceeding a certain number or
measure, to be over, to remain, used
of the fragments after feeding the
multitude.

- κόπος = trouble, to give trouble to anyone, to
annoy one; toil, labor, laborious
toil, involving weariness & fatigue.

- primarily denotes a striking, a beating,
then toil resulting in weariness

κενός - empty, vain, ineffective, foolish, worthless

v 57 & 58

① the Present Participle (Having) marking the
certainty of the future victory. Godit explains
the present tense as indicating the daily
victory of the resurrection-life in believers,
which destroys the power of sin of the law.

~~Steadfast~~

Steadfast, Immovable = The former refers
to their firm establishment in the faith;
the latter to that establishment as related

1 Cor 15: 57-58

the resurrection of X is basis or encouragement for faithful service - Cf II Tim 2:8 -

Verse 57, 58

① viveth = pres participle - indicating the certainty of future victory & the daily victory of the resurrection life in believers. (~~Vincent~~)

Steadfast, unmovable - The former refers to their firm establishment in the faith; the latter to that establishment as related to assault from temptation or ~~per~~ persecution. Fixedness is a condition of abounding in work. all activity has its center in rest.

(Vincent)

we work from a position of rest - this is another way of saying being comes before doing

② ἔσται of ἔσταιος - lit. solid, firm, steadfast - moral fixity

γίνεσθε - become, come into being.

ἀμετακίνητοι - immovable

περισσεύοντες - Pres Part of περισσεῖν - exceed the ordinary (the necessary), abundant, overflow

- an exceeding measure, to be over, to remain, left over = so much that which all necessary used, there is some left over. used of "fragments after feeding the 5,000 - John 6:12,13

κόπος - Trouble, toil, labor, laborious toil, involving weariness & fatigue.

- primarily denotes a striking, beating; then, toil resulting in weariness.

v58 - "Therefore..." Every great ~~do~~ doctrine concludes by a "therefore" - no matter how lofty & sublime the truth, before we can close the book, there is a ~~that~~ therefore - never ends of admiration, contemplation or ~~in~~, but ~~there is~~ by a therefore.

It is the practical including in the sublime, the ugly, functional hinge on the artistic, curved door -

Therefore - out of the clouds & into the street -

A practical application - demands a response -

Therefore, etc.

Story of Little League - 17-0 = "we've not been to bat yet."

And then the triumphant resurrections, promising ultimate victory - O is saying = "Sure we sure is 17-0 against - but we've not been to bat yet."

suffering under our
service -
Life, Labor

The "newshelers of faith" in O.T. becomes the "therefore" in N.T.

v57 - Great treatise, defense, appeal has reached at Climax, mountain-peak of truth - but that's not the end, doesn't end there, there's one more word to be said, the message is yet incomplete - "Therefore"

Therefore = I then ~~and~~ each of his titles corresponds to a victory in chapter -
Steadfast

immovable: opposition, because enemies defeated = inf. death, then what of discouragement, etc. - if we lost, what of the least.

Invincible: because there is none to it from above

enemies defeated labor will be rewarded

at the conclusion of the great theological treatise on
Resurrection, what are told to do - shout praises, etc -
work

Today: a preoccupation w/ self -

Even in desire for revival, it is ~~that~~ ~~that~~ ~~that~~ we are
after - the lifting up of hands, the shouting, praising
the Lord -

It is turned inward, it relies on miracles that
provide an escape from some human hardship -

- Emphasis on prosperity - ~~yet little~~

We may be alike w/ the N.T. in doctrine but not in life -

- we have no desire to be pilgrims + strangers.

worshipping the created more than the Creator - when
we are caught up in the external revival the praise,
the shouting, the manifestations, the "atmosphere," the
idea of it - "they saw no form but heard only His
voice."

- worshipping the brazen serpent, that and the
sin of worshipping the golden calf.

They made a one-time experience a method, a
permanent fixture of worship, a formula - what
was intended to be temporary, they made permanent,
what was only a means they made the end.

The Great Victory - creates w/ in
us stability, inspiration - ~~and~~ V. 58
establishes us
encourages us
enables us

The Great Victory affects us true - now puzzle piece

If you try to add
it up using only the
figure of the life,
The answer will always
be incorrect - but add
in eternity - The missing
piece

1- it takes Eternity for Time to make sense

2- it takes time for Eternity to be well secured, satisfied

It is not just a victory to participate. It is a present victory to experience & enjoy - It is a continuous & progressive victory. Something Beyond

1- Something Beyond

(1) For us = "we'll catch the broken thread again, and finish what we here began."

J. Evans replying

(2) for loved ones -

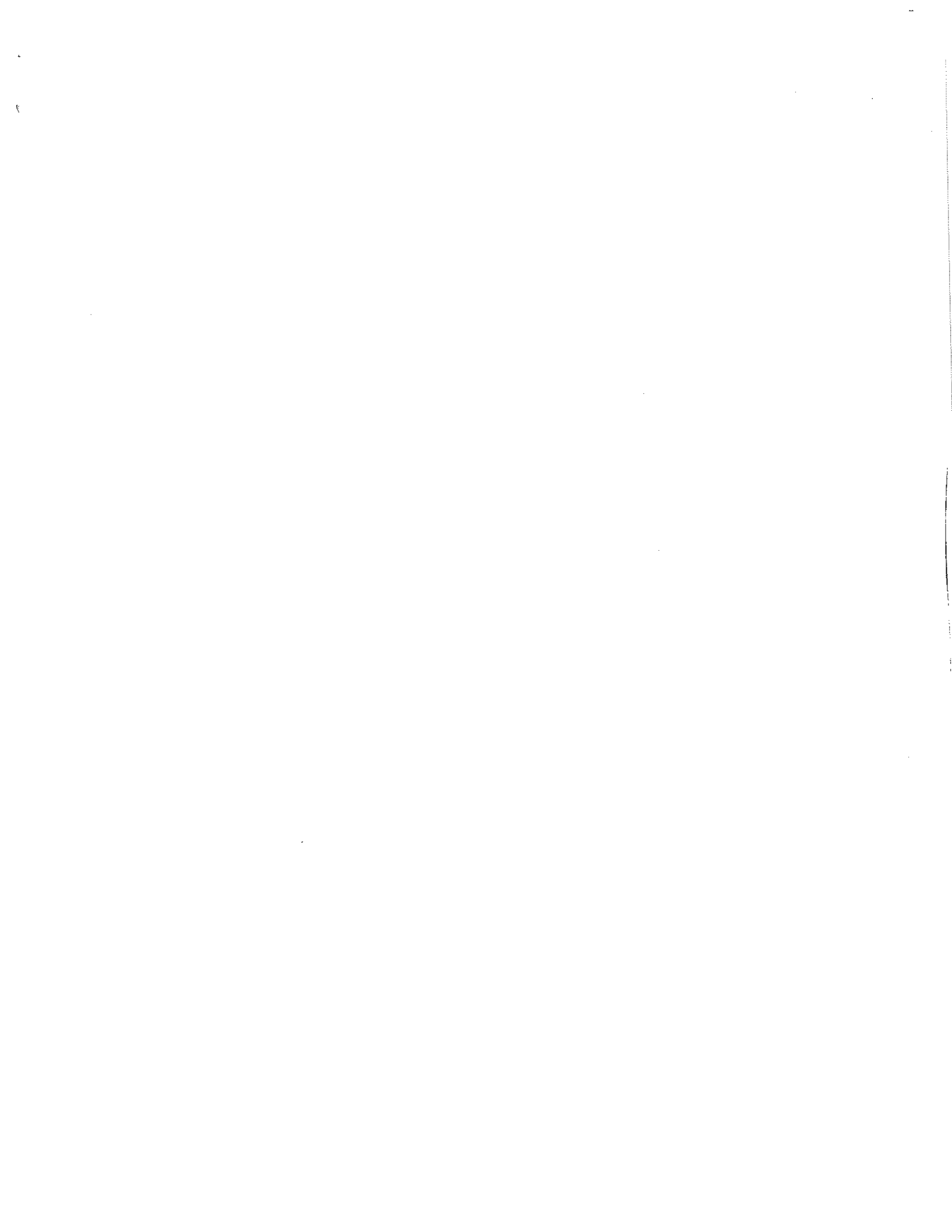
Death can kill but not divide

2- Something Better

stepping ashore
Oh! think to step ashore,
And find it Heaven;
To clasp a hand outstretched,
And find it O's hand!
To breathe new air,
And that celestial air;
To feel refreshed,
And find it immortality.

Oh, think to step ~~ashore~~ from storm & stress
To one unbroken calm
To awake & find it Home.

when I stand
Before the Throne,
Dressed in a Beauty not my own,
when I see men as thou art,
Love men w/ unerring heart.
Then truly, shall I fully know -
Not tell men - how
much I owe.



1 Cor 16:13, 14

- ΥΡΗΥΟΡΕΙΤΕ - Pres Imper of ΥΡΗΥΟΡΕΩ - awake, watch,
on the alert. Spiritual alertness

- ΣΤΗΚΕΤΕ - Pres Imper of ΣΤΗΚΩ - I stand, I remain
standing, stand firm.
standing fast in the faith, i. e., by
~~it~~ adhere to it.

- ἄνδριζεσθε - pres imper mid. of ἄνδριζω - I act
in a manly fashion, I play the
man, I display manly qualities.

ΚΡΑΤΑΙΟΥΣΘΕ - pres imper. pass of ΚΡΑΤΑΙΩ -
I become strong

① "Play the man" adds an active element to the
passive & defensive ~~attitude~~ attitude implied in the
previous imper. It looks back to 13:11 & 14:20,
Paul exhorts in general to the courageous
pursuing the Xian life by the Cor. who
were enfeebled by contact w/ heathen
society.

Be strong enjoins manful activity in its most
energetic form - signifies superior power,
mastery - "Be not merely strong but mighty."

The 4 imper of v.13 are directed respectively
against the heedlessness, fickleness, childishness
& moral enervation (weakness) of the Cor.

The 5th imper. "do all things lawfully" reiterates the
appeal of chaps 8 & 13, touching the radical ~~throughout~~
fault.

In love = ~~the significance~~ the significance (2)
of 10: Love is ~~not~~ more than an accompaniment
of Xian actions. It is the very atmosphere in
which the Xian lives & moves & has his being.
(Lyndale)

warning against

- 1- Carelessness
- 2- Fickleness
- 3- Childishness
- 4- Weakness
- 5- hardness, callousness, selfishness

③ an abrupt ~~and~~ insertion of an admonition
among a series of private communications.

Watch = This is a warning against a life that
is not conscious. Watchfulness is necessary
because a Xian is always menaced by
many dangers.

Stand fast = They must not fall into sin, & this
by the power of faith. Faith is here to be
understood as the act of faith.

Love = Love must govern all of life.
(N.T.C.)

The first 4 will save you from being dominated
& intimidated by others - the last will save you
from being dominating & intimidating.

- no vacation from your vocation