



Week 8

Sermon Series: Death is Defeated

Sermon Title: "Those Who Join in the Work"

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 16:1-24

Study Handout Week of: March 20, 2022

Group Week of: March 27, 2022

Sermon Date: April 3, 2022

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Be Strong and Courageous – Josh 1:7-11
Day 2	Be on Guard – Matthew 10:16-20
Day 3	Love – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Day 4	Devotion to God – Matt 6:25-34
Day 5	Serving God – Matthew 6:19-24

The Text: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

¹³ Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. ¹⁴ Do everything in love.

¹⁵ You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the Lord's people. I urge you, brothers and sisters, ¹⁶ to submit to such people and to everyone who joins in the work and labors at it. ¹⁷ I was glad when Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus arrived, because they have supplied what was lacking from you. ¹⁸ For they refreshed my spirit and yours also. Such men deserve recognition.

¹⁹ The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house. ²⁰ All the brothers and sisters here send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

²¹ I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand.

²² If anyone does not love the Lord, let that person be cursed! Come, Lord!

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

²⁴ My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Textual Questions

- 1) What message does God desire to give to his eternal church through such a personal set of statements?
- 2) What do you learn from the example of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Whether we are Israelites conquering the promised land, Christians in Corinth, or simple believers in Yakima, following God requires boldness, courage, and an alertness to the actions of the enemy. Share a story of when following God required courage, and what the results of following God were.

- 2) To do all in love is easier said than done. Where is an area of your life that needs to be infused with love? (Think of your relationships with family, friends, church members, strangers, etc.) What gospel truths given through the book of 1 Corinthians can you apply to that area of life to help you walk in love this week?

- 3) We do not know anything about the household of Stephanus other than what is mentioned here and in the beginning of the letter (1 Cor 1:16). What they are remembered for, other than being the first converts, is that they devoted themselves to the service of the Lord's people. How does this relate to Paul's previous command "do everything in love?"

- 4) In your life, has love for the body turned into devotion to serving other Christians? If yes, where are you serving and how is this an expression of love? If no, why not?

- 5) The household of Stephanas "refreshes" both Paul and the church in Corinth. Who are those Christians in your life that "refresh" those around them? How do they do it? What do you need to do to grow into being this sort of a Christian?

- 6) What are the biggest lessons you have learned through our study of the Resurrection?

- 7) What are the biggest lessons you have taken away from our study of 1 Corinthians?

- 8) The Gospel transforms our lives and calls us to live as Christ right where we are. Through the Corinthians, we have seen many of the places our walk must be transformed. What is one commitment you can make to Christ, coming out of 1 Corinthians, to apply what you have learned for His glory and the good of His Church?