

“What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever... For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.” 1 Corinthians 15:50, 53 NLT

## lectio // 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Paul confirms something I said on Easter. When the angel asked the ladies this question, “why seek the living among the dead?” It made me realize how much “life” or living we try to seek/find on a DYING planet with DYING bodies. We do all we can to pull pleasure from the earth (experiences, food, even sights and beauty) and stuff ‘em in our bodies in a relatively short amount of time. We even name these experiences as our “bucket” list! No wonder why we search for cures to extend our life. No wonder why we pump youthfulness, travel and retirement planning so hard in the media. No wonder we avoid death and fear a virus like Covid-19 and the numbers of elderly it has killed. We DON’T want to die, because we believe this is all there is! All that evolution has taught us is that we’re just animals seeking to be the strongest to survive and that once this life is over - there is NOTHING! That lie has permeated the church! Listen to Paul SCREAM at the churches in Corinth that were all about EXPERIENCES. These bodies CANNOT inherit eternity - they will die! Every single human soul on the planet, past and future will LIVE FOREVER. The difference is some will live with God (heaven) and some will live apart from God (hell) - by CHOICE, I remind you. You can either trust Darwin and our “modern” science theories or trust Jesus. We either were created, sinned and are redeemed by Christ’s death OR we’re a cosmic accident, free from religious morality and truth and believe the end of life is annihilation.

## oratio

Dad,

People still believe that you SEND them to heaven or hell (for those who remotely believe). That is so sad that we will hold you responsible for our own decisions. I believe! I believed long ago, when I didn’t know all about these truths that the writers of the Bible gave us. I believed because you loved me, and offered me life and I watched myself being changed by your fatherly instructions, guidance and discipline. You won my heart and I will love you forever.

## contemplatio

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root