

1 Corinthians 15:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?

Analysis

And why stand we in jeopardy every hour? (τί καὶ ἡμεῖς κινδυνεύομεν πᾶσαν ὥραν;)—Paul shifts from "they" (v. 29) to "we"—now he's speaking of apostolic experience. The verb kindyneuomen (κινδυνεύομεν, "we are in danger") indicates constant peril. The phrase pasan hōran (πᾶσαν ὥραν, "every hour") emphasizes unrelenting danger—not occasional persecution but daily threat.

This begins Paul's personal testimony (vv. 30-32) demonstrating resurrection's practical implications. Why endure constant danger if death ends all? Apostolic suffering only makes sense if resurrection vindicates it. Paul's logic: If no resurrection, I'm a fool risking my life for nothing. But since resurrection is certain, present suffering is light compared to eternal glory (2 Corinthians 4:17).

Historical Context

Paul's missionary career was life-threatening catalog: beaten with rods three times, stoned once, shipwrecked three times, in danger from bandits, rivers, false brothers, constant travel through hostile territory (2 Corinthians 11:23-28). Written from Ephesus, where Paul later faced deadly peril (2 Corinthians 1:8-9), possibly the riot of Acts 19:23-41.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does resurrection hope make Christian suffering and martyrdom rational rather than foolish?
2. What 'jeopardies' do Christians face today that only make sense if resurrection is true?
3. How should resurrection certainty shape risk-taking for the gospel in hostile environments?

Interlinear Text

τί	καὶ	ἡμεῖς	κινδυνεύομεν	πᾶσαν	ώραν
why	And	we	in jeopardy	every	hour
G5101	G2532	G2249	G2793	G3956	G5610

Additional Cross-References

2 Corinthians 6:9 (Parallel theme): As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

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