

**DIVINE IMPERATIVES**  
**Easter 2019**  
**I Corinthians 15:35-58**

**“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”**  
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Twice in this text we read the word “must.” These “musts” are things God has decreed — things that must take place; they cannot fail to happen. They are “divine imperatives.” In this message we review five “musts” that appear in Scripture.

“And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that **I must be about my Father's business?**”

Luke 2:49 (Luke 4:43; 13:33; John 9:4)

“Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**”  
John 3:7

“And he began to teach them, that the **Son of man must suffer many things**, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.”

Mark 8:31 (Luke 9:22; 24:7)

“As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: **them also I must bring**, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”

John 10:15, 16

“**For he must reign**, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written,  
Death is swallowed up in victory.”

I Corinthians 15:25, 26, 52-54