Victory Prompts Strength

I Corinthians 15:50-58

1.			the Kingdom o	of God	(v. 50-53)	
	a.	What	What will inherit the Kingdom i and blood John 3:3-5			
					John 3:3-5	
			The			
	b. The of th			ne change		
		i.				
			But we will all be			
		iii.	"In the	of an eye"		
		٧.	The dead raised	; the	living changed	
	с.	c. Reminder of the contrast				
		i.	From perishable to _			
		ii.	From mortal body to			
2.			Hymn		(v. 54-57)	
	a.	is swallowed up in victory				
					5:8-9; Hosea 13:14	
		i.	No more	for	death	
			Hebrews 2:14-15; Revelation 20:14; 21:4			
		ii.	No more	for	death	
			1. Death's sting	is		
		2. The power of sin is the				
	b.	giv	gives the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!			
		* (now!)				
3.	Putting Victory into			(v. 58)		
	a.	a. Be steadfast and				
		Be always abounding in the of the Lord				
		i. Knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in				
	! 1 Cor. 3:8-15; Gal.					

But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing on opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Romans 7:8-12

Follow-Up Notes and Questions

Read John 3:3-5. Both Jesus and Paul demonstrate that normal flesh and blood will not inherit the Kingdom. What must happen for us to inherit the Kingdom?

Read Matthew 24:29-31 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17. Popular eschatology (end-times theology) indicates that an event will take place where Jesus will take His people and the world will not notice the event or see how it happens. Is that what these passages describe? Why or why not?

Read again Isaiah 25 and Hosea 13:14. This is the great victory hymn of this passage. How has death been doomed?

Read Romans 7:5-13 along with Romans 4:15 and 5:13. Paul said in our text that death's sting is sin and the power of sin is the law.

- How do these passages explain that connection?
- What are the consequences of sin and law now?

Read 1 John 5:4-5. Do you really rejoice in this victory?

Read Jeremiah 48:10, 1 Corinthians 3:8-15, Galatians 6:9-10 and John 15:5.

- Why does Christ's victory give our labor meaning?
- How important is the qualification ("in the Lord") when it comes to meaningful labor?