

Death Has Been Conquered (1 Corinthians 15:50-58)

- For the Christian, fear of death is cancelled in hope of bodily resurrection
- Skeptics in the Corinthian's church were denying bodily resurrection
- Paul's closing argument: power of the resurrection in the Christian's life
- He destroyed their argument: "Christ, first fruits among those who sleep"
- In vv 50-58 Paul praises God for the resurrection & shows its motivation

I. The Great Transformation

- We must all be transformed; we must be transformed to dwell in heaven
 - v. 49 *"image of the man of dust, also bear the image of the man of heaven"*
 - v.42-43 *sown in corruption, raised in incorruption, sown in dishonor, raise in glory*
 - v. 51 *a mystery, we shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed"*
 - v.52 *in a moment, twinkling of an eye, trumpet blast ...we shall be changed*
 - v.53 *"corruptible must put on incorruption, mortal put on immortality*

II. The Great Triumph (15:54-56)

- "so" when corruptible puts on incorruption- death swallowed up in victory
- Sting of death is sin, & the strength of sin is the law (Romans 8:1)

III. Great Thanksgiving (15:57)

v 57 Thanks be to God, who gives the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ

IV. The Great Therefore

- Be Steadfast
- Immovable
- Abounding in the work of the Lord
- Your labor is not in vain