

MYSTERY AND VICTORY

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Key Verses: 56-57, "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1. What question did Paul address (35)? How did he rebuke them, and what analogy did Paul use to explain the body's death and resurrection (36-38)? What is the resurrection principle stated in verse 36? Can you think of any application of this principle in our common lives (36; Jn 12:24)?
2. In the natural world, what do the different kinds of flesh and splendor teach us about God and about the resurrection body (39-41)? How many times is "glory" or "splendor" repeated in verses 35-44? What does this suggest about the purpose of God in his works of creation? How is the spiritual body to come different from the natural body (42-44)?
3. Who are the two Adams (45-48)? How are they different? What do we receive from each? What is the promise God gives us in verse 49 and what does this mean?
4. To inherit the kingdom of God, how must we be changed (50-51)? What glorious future event does Paul mention, and what will happen to believers at the last trumpet (52-54)?
5. What is the great victory that Christ won (55-56; Hos 13:14)? How can we live a victorious life (57)? When we believe in Christ's resurrection, what should we strive to do, and why should we live such a life (58)?