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Resurrection from the Dead Series Finale: The Most Misunderstood Truth

I Corinthians 15:54-58 ⁵⁴When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come to pass: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵"Where, O Death, is your victory? Where, O Death, is your sting?" ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast and immovable. Always excel in the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A.** Death will someday be totally dealt with when we receive our new heavenly body. V. 54
- B.** There is a metaphor used here of a scorpion. Death's sting is sin. V. 55
- C.** The metaphor continues as the power of the stinger comes from the Law of God. V. 56
- D.** The victory over these enemies of mankind comes only through our Lord Jesus Christ. V. 57
- E.** The truths in this chapter make us steadfast and immovable because our faith does not depend upon our performance but on our Lord's finished work defeating our enemies. V. 58
- F.** This steadfast and immovable position helps us to do the work that God desires that we do. V. 59

II. How can we apply these truths?

- A.** We must ground ourselves in the truth of God's word. Our salvation is not something that we earn nor is it something that we can improve upon. It is firm only because of Jesus Christ's faithfulness in paying for our sins.
- B.** We must live from the perspective of victory. Death has no hold on us anymore.
- C.** We must discover what is the work that God has for you. A question we should ask of ourselves is do I do anything for the Kingdom of God or is everything that I do just for this life alone?