

DEATH DESTROYED (EASTER LESSON)

Christ's resurrection guarantees victory over death for believers.

(GOLDEN TEXT) 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20 - Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept.

CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER DEATH

(1 COR 15; 20-26)

1- Paul explains the resurrection and he describes Christ's resurrection as the "First Fruits". What do you think this term means and why was it necessary for him to shed light on Christ's resurrection?

2- In 1 Corinthians 15:14 Paul said our faith is useless if Christ did not rise from the dead. Do you agree with this statement? WHY, WHY NOT?

3- It is understandable that we as people do NOT want to die. There are some who will try everything possible to avoid or cheat death. The Bible states that no one can avoid death. Why is trying to cheat death an effort that is IN VAIN?

SHARING IN CHRIST'S VICTORY

(1 COR 15:35-49)

1-As a Christian believer, we should see death differently than unbelievers. 1 COR 15:52 talks about our "change" happening in the "twinkling of an eye". This is often phrased as being CAUGHT UP and called the RAPTURE. Does the thought of this event help you process death any better?

2- Why MUST the human body *change* and transformation take place when the LORD returns to raise the dead in Christ?

3- Christ is the one who died on the cross and took all of the suffering for us. He set the example for all believers to follow but we get to share in the victory. Do you feel it is right for us as believers to share in this great victory?

TRIUMPHANT THROUGH CHRIST'S VICTORY

(1 COR 15:50-57)

1- How would you describe or explain the Biblical phrase "The sting of death"?

2- IN YOUR OPINION, was it the death of Christ, or his resurrection that gives us the victory?

DEFINITIONS: IN YOUR OWN WORDS

FLESH-

INHERIT-

SPIRITUAL-

RESURRECTION-

POWER-

INCORRUPTABLE-