

WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED
I COR. 15:50-58

Introduction:

- A. Those who enter God's kingdom must be changed.
 - 1. changed (body) allatto - make other than it is, v51
 - 2. Born again. (spirit) John 3:

- B. This earthy body cannot go to heaven.
 - 1. v50.
 - 2. An earthy body made of flesh and blood cannot get into God's heaven.
 - 3. What is decaying will never take part in what is immortal.

I. THE TWO WAYS IN WHICH CHANGE MAY OCCUR. V51,52

- A. Paul unfolds a hidden truth.
 - 1. "Behold, I shew you a mystery."
 - 2. mystery = musterion - a secret.

- B. Not all will die but all will be changed.
 - 1. v51b, 52
 - 2. changed = made other than we are.

II. THE REASONS WE MUST BE CHANGED. V53

- A. "For this corruptible must put on incorruptible."
 - 1. corruptible = perishable.

- B. "and this mortal must put on immortality."
 - 1. mortal = thnetos - subject to death.

III. OUR CHANGE WILL FULFILL SCRIPTURE. V54.

- A. The change will come.
 - 1. "so when", "shall have."

2. The Bible affirms that all these events must happen, they are decreed.

B. The Scripture.

1. Hosea 13:14 "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death; O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction; repentance shall be hid from my eyes."

2. Isaiah 25:8 "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth; for the Lord hath spoken it."

IV. THE END OF DEATH. V55

A. In the resurrection we may ask, in victory, two questions

1. "O death, where is thy sting?"

- a. sting = kentron - a point, a prick, a goad, a thing of venom or poison as a scorpions sting.

This may refer to death goading and herding mankind to a grave.

Or the sting of a deadly scorpion.

2. "O grave, where is thy victory?"

- a. grave -hades - the region of the dead.
- b. victory = nikos - latter form of nike - conquest or victory in battle.

B. What Jesus did to conquer death.

1. "The sting of death is sin."

- a. sting = the poison of death.
- b. It is sin that gives death its power.

2. "and the strength of sin is the law."

- a. strength = dunamis - power.
- b. It is the law that gives sin its power.

3. Death gets its killing power from sin and sin gets its power from the law, for where there is no law there is no sin. J.P.

4. "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

- a. Our victory over death is based on what Jesus Christ did.
- b. Jesus took the sting out of death by living a sinless life.
- c. He took the strength out of sin by nailing the law to the cross. Col. 2:14.
- d. Christ is our victory. We do not gain the victory, He gives the victory.

V. BECAUSE "THE DEAD RISE" AND "CHRIST IS RAISED" WE DO NOT LABOR IN VAIN.

- A. "Therefore, my beloved brethren."
 1. Because of the truth of the preceding statements.
- B. "be ye steadfast."
 1. steadfast = edraios - seated, sitting fast, fixed and settled.
 2. Don't jump up and begin to wring your hands.
- C. "unmoveable."
 1. unmoveable = ametakinetos - without moving from one place to another, stable. firm.
 2. Don't start running in circles.
- D. "always abounding in the word of the Lord."
 1. abounding = perisseuo - to be over and above, more than enough.
 2. work = ergon - that which is brought into being by labor.
- E. "for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

