

Does Death Have The Last Word?

An Easter Reflection

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

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YES

- ⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory? *It’s everywhere*
- Where, O death, is your sting?”¹ *Is UNIVERSAL*
- ²⁵ *For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.*
- ²⁶ *The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

Why Death Have The Last Word?

BUT...

- 56a **“The sting of death is sin,**

“The wages of sin is death” Romans 6:23

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“The soul who sins dies”Ezekiel 18; 20 NKJV...

- 57 **But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

WHEN?

Two Unavoidable Appointments

Day of my death

Day of my resurrection

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Let nothing move you.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,
because you know
that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

- ⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.
- ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—
- ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
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