

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 15:51-57

**B**rothers and sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,  
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,  
the dead will be raised incorruptible,  
and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility,  
and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility  
and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,  
then the word that is written shall come about:

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*Where, O death, is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting?*

The sting of death is sin,  
and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 4:14—5:1

**B**rothers and sisters:

We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus  
will raise us also with Jesus  
and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,  
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people  
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged;  
 rather, although our outer self is wasting away,  
 our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction  
 is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all  
 comparison,  
 as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;  
 for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,  
 should be destroyed,  
 we have a building from God,  
 a dwelling not made with hands,  
 eternal in heaven.

The word of the Lord.

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A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

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 should be destroyed,  
 we have a building from God,  
 a dwelling not made with hands,  
 eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous,  
 although we know that while we are at home in the body  
 we are away from the Lord,  
 for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous,  
 and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.  
 Therefore, we aspire to please him,  
 whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,  
 so that each may receive recompense,  
 according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.