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55 "Where, O death, is your victory?

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56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. NIV

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Previously hidden in God, but only now revealed by God through revelation. Complete!

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Some will sleep (die physically); the rest will be instantly changed (rapture) w/o death!

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Our perishable and mortal bodies must be clothed with imperishable/immortal bodies!

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It is Christ! He is the first fruit. Christ first, after that those who are Christ's. His own.

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We are forgiven by Christ's death but we are justified by His resurrection. Now perfect!

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Death is swallowed up! Not just stopped, but cancelled. Death has no victory or sting!

What is the 'sting' of death? 15:56a What is the power of sin? 15:56b; **Gal.3:10-14**

Sting is sin. It poisons us. The power of sin to sting us is the Law. We're guilty / Law.

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The victory is through our Lord Jesus Christ! He tasted death for us. We live in Him!

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Stand firm. Unmovable. Always giving fully to the work of the Lord. It's not in vain!!