



# “LIVE THANKS! VICTORY, NOT VANITY!”

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I CORINTHIANS 15:50-58 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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CONTEXT:  
VICTORY  
NOT VANITY!



12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, **how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?** 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And **if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.** (1 Cor 15:12-14, ESV)





CONTEXT:  
BURIED BODIES OF BELIEVERS  
ARE LIKE BURIED SEEDS



35 But someone will ask, “**How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?**” 36 How foolish! What you **sow does not come to life unless it dies.** 37 When you **sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed,** perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But **God gives it a body** as he has determined, and to **each kind of seed he gives its own body.**

(1 Cor 15:35-38, NIV)





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## CONTEXT:

JUST AS THERE ARE DIFFERENT BODIES  
IN CREATION  
WE WILL HAVE DIFFERENT BODIES  
IN NEW CREATION



**39 Not all flesh is the same:** People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. **40** There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. **41** The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

(1 Cor 15:39-41, NIV)





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42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is **sown is perishable**, it is **raised imperishable**; 43 it is **sown in dishonor**, it is **raised in glory**; it is **sown in weakness**, it is **raised in power**; 44 it is **sown a natural body**, it is **raised a spiritual body**. If there is a **natural body**, there is also a **spiritual body**. (1 Cor 15:42-44, NIV)





1 CORINTHIANS 15:50  
MORTAL BODIES CANNOT  
TAKE PART IN THE IMMORTAL KINGDOM



Brothers and sisters, I mean this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, nor [can] that which is perishable inherit what is imperishable. (1 Cor 15:50, AT)





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MORTAL BODIES CANNOT  
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Because, for us, the battle is not against **blood and flesh**, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this dark [age], against **spiritual** forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Eph 6:12, AT)





I CORINTHIANS 15:51  
NOT ALL WILL DIE,  
BUT ALL WILL BE GLORIFIED



Behold, I tell you a mystery: we  
will not all fall asleep, but we will  
all be changed (1 Cor 15:51, AT)





I CORINTHIANS 15:51  
NOT ALL WILL DIE,  
BUT ALL WILL BE GLORIFIED



Then he appeared to more than 500 of the brothers and sisters at once, most of whom **live to this day**, though some have **fallen asleep**. (1 Cor 15:6, AT)



I CORINTHIANS 15:52  
...AT THE LAST  
(TRUMPET) CALL...



– in an instant, in a blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For [the] trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (1 Cor 15:52, AT)





I CORINTHIANS 15:52  
...AT THE LAST  
(TRUMPET) CALL...



30 “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. 31 And he will send his angels **with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect** from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. (Mt 24:30-31, NIV)





I CORINTHIANS 15:52  
DEATH  
TO DEATH!



**The last enemy to be  
destroyed is death.**

**(1 Cor 15:26, NIV)**





I CORINTHIANS 15:52  
TIME FOR A CHANGE!  
TRANSFORMATION!



18 For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, **many live as enemies** of the cross of Christ. 19 Their **destiny is destruction**, their **god is their stomach**, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. (Php 3:18-19, NIV)





I CORINTHIANS 15:52  
TIME FOR A CHANGE!  
TRANSFORMATION!



20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will **transform our lowly bodies** so that **they will be like his glorious body**. (Php 3:20-21, NIV)





I CORINTHIANS 15:52  
TIME FOR A CHANGE!  
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13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who **sleep in death**, so that you **do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.**

14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have **fallen asleep in him.** (1 Th 4:13-14, NIV)





I CORINTHIANS 15:52  
TIME FOR A CHANGE!  
TRANSFORMATION!



15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that **we who are still alive**, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have **fallen asleep**. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the **trumpet call of God**, and **the dead in Christ will rise first**. (1 Th 4:15-16, NIV)





I CORINTHIANS 15:52  
IT WILL BE TIME  
FOR TRANSFORMATION



17 After that, **we who are still alive** and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore **encourage** one another with these words. (1 Th 4:17-18, NIV)





I CORINTHIANS 15:53  
NO OLD  
FASHION!



For this perishable [body] must put on  
imperishability, and this mortal [body]  
must put on immortality.

(1 Cor 15:53, AT)





I CORINTHIANS 15:53  
NO OLD  
FASHION!



Now the one who has **fashioned** us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the **Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.** (2 Cor 5:5, NIV)





I CORINTHIANS 15:54-55  
DEATH WILL BE SWALLOWED UP  
IN VICTORY



54 But when this perishable [body] puts on imperishability, and this mortal [body] puts on immortality, then the word that has been written will come to pass: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

55 "Where, O Death, is your victory?

Where, O Death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:54-55, AT)





I CORINTHIANS 15:54-55  
DEATH WILL BE SWALLOWED UP  
IN VICTORY



he will **swallow up death forever.**

The Sovereign LORD [YHWH] will **wipe away the tears**  
**from all faces;**

he will remove his people's disgrace  
from all the earth.

The LORD [YHWH] has spoken. (Is 25:8, NIV)





I CORINTHIANS 15:54-55  
DEATH WILL BE SWALLOWED UP  
IN VICTORY



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nikē / victory

Erasmian Pronunciation

 LOGOS





**I CORINTHIANS 15:54-55  
DEATH WILL BE SWALLOWED UP  
IN VICTORY**



**I shall ransom them from the power of Sheol;**

**I shall redeem them from Death.**

**O Death, where are your plagues?**

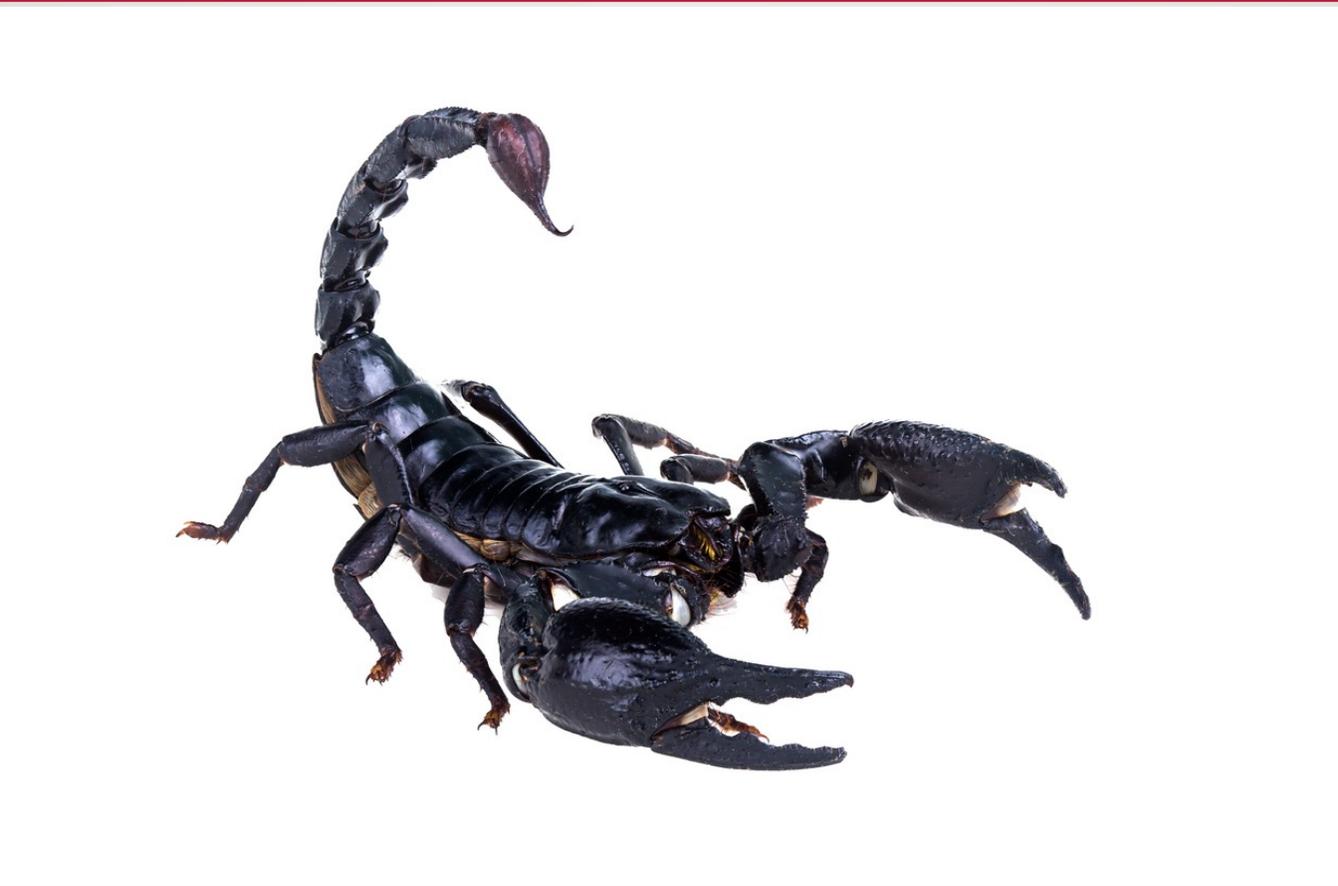
**O Sheol, where is your sting?**

**(Hos 13:14abcd, ESV)**





I CORINTHIANS 15:54-55  
DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR  
STING?





# I CORINTHIANS 15:54-55 DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?





I CORINTHIANS 15:56  
THE STING  
OF THE LAW



Now the sting of death is sin,  
and the power of sin is the Law.

(1 Cor 15:56, AT)





I CORINTHIANS 15:57  
VICTORY IN  
JESUS!



But thanks be to God who gives  
us the victory through our Lord  
Jesus Christ! (1 Cor 15:57, AT)





I CORINTHIANS 15:58  
ALWAYS EXCEL IN EXCELLENT  
EFFORTS FOR OUR EXCELLENT LORD



Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor in the Lord is not [in] vain. (1 Cor 15:58, AT)





I CORINTHIANS 15:58  
ALWAYS EXCEL IN EXCELLENT  
EFFORTS FOR OUR EXCELLENT LORD



O LORD [YHWH] our Lord,

How **excellent** is thy name in all the earth!

Who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

(Ps 8:1, KJV)

