

# THE VICTORY

1 Corinthians 15:50–58

Key Verse: 15:57

1. What does Paul state first (50)? How is it related to his earlier teaching (42–44a,49)? What does this tell us about the nature of God's kingdom and the resurrection body?
2. To what does Paul refer next, and why does he call it "a mystery" (51–52; cf. 1Th4:13–18)? What is the meaning of "the last trumpet"? Where else does he use the word "imperishable" here, and what does it mean? What does "changed" mean?
3. Read verses 53–54a. What do the repeated expressions "this" and "put on" suggest about the nature of our resurrection? What prophecy will the resurrection fulfill (54b)?
4. Note where Paul repeats the word "victory"; what else has he said about this (25–26)? What other prophecy does Paul say will be fulfilled (55)? From where does he say death's "sting" comes (56)? Read verse 57. What does this tell us about the nature of our victory? Why do we need this sense of victory?
5. What is Paul's conclusion (58)? What does it mean to live this way, and how can we?