

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

1 Corinthians 15:57 ESV

Main Point-

The Resurrection of Jesus—His victory over death—is given to us, his followers, by God the Father.

Indicators of Jesus' victory over death:

#1-

After resurrection, Jesus had a glorified, yet physical body. (1 Corinthians 15:5-8)

1 Corinthians 15:36–38 ESV

You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

1 Corinthians 15:42-45 ESV

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

Indicators of Jesus' victory over death:

#2-

Jesus Christ is the man of heaven whose image we will bear.

“Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.” **1 Corinthians 15:49 ESV**

2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Indicators of Jesus' victory over death:

#3-

Death holds no power over those who belong to Christ, because Christ has fulfilled God's law and taken our sin upon himself.

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

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

1 Corinthians 15:54–56 ESV

Implication: Living for Christ today, in view of eternity-

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV