

The Last Enemy

1 Corinthians 15:25 — “For He must reign until He puts all enemies under His feet.”

1 Corinthians 15:26 — “The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.”

Dear friends,

We are living in very interesting times. This is the hour when death is to be abolished and the human race will once more be united to our Father. When Adam sinned the penalty was death, and death has stood between us and God ever since. There are some important points to ponder.

1. The scripture says that death is an enemy, so all the teaching about dying and going to heaven is a figment of our imagination. Let me remind you that Jesus made it very clear when He said, “the Kingdom of God is **joy, peace, and righteousness** in the Holy Ghost.” Heaven is not a place where the streets are paved with gold, nor is it a place where we meet all our family. It is a condition in our hearts and minds that will abide with us eternally. If you just got a reality check, hang on while I tell you a little more about overcoming death.

Proverbs 16:25 — “There is a way that seems right to man but the end is the way of death.” As long as we

have any self righteousness, death rules over us. There comes a time in our life when we must admit that all righteousness is of self and is not the righteousness of God — that is, if we want to overcome death and become immortal.

Romans 8:6 — “To be carnally minded is death.” So as long as we are still operating from our carnal mind, death reigns over us. Everyone's mind is conformed to a sick world, and according to Romans 8, must be transformed into the mind of Christ. This process is much like the metamorphosis of a worm turning into a butterfly. “We know that we have passed from death to life if we love the brethren” — that is, have not closed up our heart to anyone — 1 John 3:14.

We have all made a covenant with death and only by going the way He went, by shedding our own blood and getting His blood can we say, “O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?” For death will be swallowed in victory, the victory of the cross.



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