

3ABN SABBATH SCHOOL PANEL
08 - THURSDAY – August 20, 2026

Final Victory Over Death

Read 1 Corinthians 15:54–57. What does this passage tell us about our ultimate victory over death?

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (NKJV) “(54) So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” (55) “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” (56) The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. (57) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1. Death Is Not the End—It Is a Defeated Enemy

Key Phrase: *“Death is swallowed up in victory... O Death, where is your sting?”*

Truth: John 3:16 (NKJV) “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

- Death is real—but it is **not final**
- Through Christ:
 - Death loses its **power**
 - Death loses its **victory**

Supporting Bible: John 11:25 (NKJV) “Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.”

JESUS: *“I am the resurrection and the life...”*

Power Insight:

- For the believer, death is not a full stop
- It is a **temporary pause before resurrection**

2. The Real Problem Is Sin—And Christ Has Already Won the Victory

Key Phrase: *“The sting of death is sin... but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory...”*

Truth:

- Death hurts because of **sin**
- Sin gives death its **sting (pain, fear, separation)**

But Jesus:

- Removed the **cause (sin)**
- Secured the **cure (salvation)**

Supporting Bible: Romans 6:23 “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life...”

Power Insight:

- Without Christ → death has a sting
- With Christ → death has no victory

Only when our sinful nature is removed (1 Cor. 15:54) and we go through the experience of glorification (1 Cor. 15:51–53, 1 Thess. 4:13–17) will the proclamation “ ‘Death is swallowed up in victory’ ” (1 Cor. 15:54, NKJV) be fulfilled. Then, this bold and defiant hymn will be sung: “ ‘O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?’ ” (1 Cor. 15:55, NKJV). This all will take place at the second coming of Christ (1 Cor. 15:51, 52).

Sinful Nature is replaced with glorified bodies:

Philippians 3:20-21 (NKJV) “(20) For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, (21) who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”

Death is swallowed up by eternal life:

1 Corinthians 15:54 (NKJV) “So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.””

The final victory over death is permanent:

Revelation 2:11 (NKJV) ““He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.” ”

We will be changed in a moment:

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 (NKJV) “(51) Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— (52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”

Final Statement “Death is no longer something to fear—because in Christ, it is something already defeated.”

1 Corinthians 15:26 (NKJV) “The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.”