AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS
A Study of First Corinthians

LAUGHING IN THE FACE OF THE GRIM REAPER
1 Corinthians 15:50-58   Jeff Schreve

*"O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH,
WHERE IS YOUR STING?" 1 Corinthians 15:55*

What does the resurrection of Christ teach us about death?

1. Not every Christian will experience physical death.
*Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom
of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold, I tell you
a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment,
in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound,
and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.
1 Corinthians 15:50-53*

A. The dead in Christ will be raised up and changed.

B. The alive in Christ will be caught up and changed.
*For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this
mortal must put on immortality.   1 Corinthians 15:54*

2. Every Christian will get to mock death.
*But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this
mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying
that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. "O DEATH,
WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"
1 Corinthians 15:54-56*

A. Death and the grave couldn't hold the dead saint.

B. Death and the grave couldn't touch the live saint.

C. Jesus <u>took the sting</u> out of death for every believer.
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

3. Every Christian needs to know <u>that it's worth it.</u>
Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.   1 Corinthians 15:58

"Working for the Lord may not pay much in this life, but the retirement plan is out of this world."

Keep <u>trusting</u> and <u>serving Him</u> until He <u>comes for you!</u>