

The Victory of the Gospel



Sermon Questions

1. The message of Christianity must include the physical resurrection from the dead or it is not Christianity. (Yes/No)
 2. What is a biblical mystery?
 - a. A puzzle that is unlocked by starting at a verse and selecting every 10th letter until a coded message is found.
 - b. A teaching that was concealed in the Old Testament, that is revealed in the New Testament through Jesus and the apostles.
 - c. The relation between divine sovereignty and human responsibility.
 - d. Who wrote the letter to the Hebrews?
 3. The victory includes the end of death, sin, and the end of the law. (Yes/No)
 4. When Christ returns, death is finally and completely defeated. (Yes/No)
 5. You made Sunday. But Monday is no guarantee. Are you ready to face God today? (Yes/No)
 6. It's important to understand the difference between steadfast and immovable. (Yes/No)
 7. Simply leaving the world in a better place than when we were born is a noble and meaningful reason for our existence. (Yes/No)
 8. Which phrase fits better with the concepts of 1 Corinthians 15:
 - a. Enjoy life now, pay later.
 - b. Pay now, enjoy life later.
 - c. Enjoy life now, enjoy life later.
 9. Bonus: What does the Nike swoosh (above) have to do with today's sermon?
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Lunch Questions (Food for Thought)

Open your Bible, pick a partner, pick a question, and dig in!

1. First Corinthians 15:52 speaks about the *last* trumpet. Is this the same trumpet as Matthew 24:31 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17? Many would content that the one in Matthew follows years after the one in 1 Corinthians 15.
2. Revelation 20:14 speaks about the death of death itself. How can we reconcile the order of events in Revelation 20:14 with what 1 Corinthians 15:54 says about the end of death? Does the quote in 1 Corinthians 15:54 of Isaiah 25:8 which is also quoted in Revelation 21:4 help establish any order of events? Lastly, does Romans 8:19–23 teach that the resurrection of believers in 1 Corinthians 15 coincides with new creation (Rev 21)?
3. If your view of the end necessarily includes death years after the events of 1 Corinthians 15, how can we reconcile with the teachings of 1 Corinthians?
4. List three ways in which a future hope or resurrection has bearing on life here and now.