

**I Corinthians Lesson # 34**  
**The Resurrection & Translation**  
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*I Corinthians 15: 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep,  
but we shall all be changed,*

There are eight total mysteries revealed in the New Testament. This is one of the five that pertains to the Church. The apostle Paul made known mysteries previously unknown. (Romans 16:25-26; I Corinthians 2:7; Ephesians 3:4-5, 9; Colossians 1:26) The eight mysteries are:

1. The mystery of the Kingdom
2. The mystery of the Seven Stars and Seven Golden Lampstands
3. The mystery of The Body
4. The mystery of the Indwelling Messiah
5. The Mystery of the Church as the Bride of Messiah
6. The Mystery of the Translation
7. The Mystery of Israel's Hardening
8. The mystery of Seven Climatic Judgments

This verse speaks to the Translation of believers who are alive on earth at the time of the Rapture of the Church. The trumpet, as in the Old Testament, signaled the appearance of God (Exodus 19:16). It is the last blast for the church because this appearance of God shall never end (1 Corinthians 13:12). We will clearly see Him face-to-face forever more. Some as described in I Thessalonians 4:17 will not have died but will be translated to their immortal bodies.

*I Corinthians 15: 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

This translation from a mortal body to an immortal body will happen faster than a human can reckon. The twinkling of an eye is a description of light flashing across our eyes. The speed of light is 186,000 miles per second. When the last trumpet for the Church sounds the dead raise out of their graves then those who are alive are translated and rise to meet the Lord in the air. The old rotted decomposed bodies and skeletons of the dead saints will receive new perfect immortal bodies.

Will each person on the earth die? No those who are alive on earth at the time of the Rapture will be translated.

*I Corinthians 15: 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

Our bodies being susceptible to the corruption that came into the earth at the fall will become in an instant incorruptible. Our mortal bodies become immortal in an instant.

### We Get Glorified Bodies

1. It is a body that is incorruptible
2. It is a glorified body
3. It is a body of resurrection power
4. It is a spiritual body
5. It is a heavenly body
6. It is an immortal body.

Some information may be gleaned from the resurrected Jesus' body, but we do not know what attributes are from the resurrection and which are attributed to His deity.

1. His voice was recognized as being the same one He had before His death. (John 20:16)
2. His physical features were recognized although not always immediately (John 20:26-29)
3. It was a real body of flesh and bone since it was embraceable ((John 20:17; 27)
4. He was able to suddenly disappear (Luke 24:31)
5. He could go through walls (John 20:19)
6. His body could eat food (Luke 24:41-43)

The verses in I Corinthians 15:54-58 demonstrate that the body changes from corruption to incorruption and this is the final victory over death.

*I Corinthians 15: 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.*

After the translation we will never again experience death again. It will be eradicated for those who have experienced this event. Death itself will finally be ended when Satan is finished (Revelation 20:10). The Church will experience the victory at that time the Scripture here promises.

*I Corinthians 15: 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*

Old Testament passage which prophesied the cessation of death (Hosea 13:14) is referenced here. The apparent victories of Satan, in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:13) and on Golgotha (Mark 15:22-24) were reversed on the cross (Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14-15) and vindicated in the resurrection of Christ. From the certainty of the resurrection of the saints, the Bible promises victory against death and Satan.

Through whom does God provide victory over death?  
Our Lord Jesus.

*1 Corinthians 15: 56-57 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Death came as a result of man's rebellion and disobedience against the command of God (Gen. 3:17-19). The Law, which epitomized the command of God, was thus become like a mirror against which human rebellion and disobedience was exposed. Like the first Adam, all who followed him rebelled (1 Corinthians 2:14). But through the obedience of the last Adam, our Lord Jesus Christ (15:45; Romans 5:19; Philippians 2:8-11), came "victory" and life (1 Corinthians 15:22; 2:15-16).

*1 Corinthians 15: 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

We must be steadfast in our faith. Never wavering and be unmoved by the teaching of the false teachers. We all must focus on the work of the Lord in our lives and always realize that Christ has His eye on us and we do not labor for Him for nothing. He is watching and wants the best for His children. Never give up and do not get discouraged.

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