

Lesson 6: Everlasting Life. Can I really know for sure?

I Corinthians 15:12-22, 51-58

Questions for Interaction

Sunday March 24, 2013

1. What was your first experience with death? How did you react: Who or what helped you the most?
2. What false teaching were some people in the Corinthian church believing (v12)? Why does this kind of cynicism keep showing up, even in the church?
3. According to Paul, in what way does all of the Christian faith rest upon the reality of resurrection from the dead? Why does he say that if it is not true, Christians are to be pitied even more than others?
4. What is the “mystery” that Paul seeks to reveal (v.51)? In what way is death still somewhat of a mystery even after what Paul writes?
5. How does verse 58 encourage and motivate you?
6. Considering what Paul says here, how would you explain the importance of the Resurrection to a non-Christian?
7. When have you had to confront your own mortality in more than merely an intellectual way? Was it because of a serious health problem, the death of a loved one or a community tragedy? Did this make you feel differently about your faith in the resurrection of the dead? In what way?
8. What does Paul mean by the “sting of death is sin” verse 56? How does the presence of sin make the reality of death tragic and painful?