

# Those to Whom the Lord Gives the Victory

1 Cor. 15:57,58

## Introduction:

- A. Paul describes the victory made available through Christ (vv. 51-57).
  - 1. Victory over death and the grave.
  - 2. Victory over the pain and suffering of this world.
  - 3. Victory over the heartaches and hardships of this world.
- B. Paul describes those who are assured of victory (v. 58).

## Discussion:

### **I. They Know That Their Labor Is Not in Vain in the Lord.**

- A. Because they know Jesus lives (vv. 1-11).
  - 1. From objective evidence — testimony.
  - 2. Not subjective — cf. Song “He lives”.
- B. Because they know Jesus reigns (vv. 20-34).
- C. Because they know Jesus returns (v. 23).

### **II. They Are Steadfast and Unmoveable in the Lord.**

- A. Unmoved by opposition and persecution (cf. Acts 5:28, 29; 20:22-24).
- B. Unmoved by hardship and danger (2 Cor. 11:26).
- C. Unmoved by numbers.
  - 1. Noah (1 Pet. 3:20)
  - 2. Few at Sardis (Rev. 3:4)
- D. Unmoved by the power of personalities (cf. Gal. 2:6).
- E. Moved only by God’s word (cf. Acts 11:17).

### **III. They Always Abound the Lord’s Work.**

- A. Not interested in just “getting by”, but abounding (cf. 2 Pet. 1:8-11; 2 Cor. 9:6).
  - 1. Just enough attendance to get by?
  - 2. Just enough worshiping to get by?
  - 3. Just enough work to get by?
  - 4. Just enough sacrificing to get by?
- B. Not interested in how close to world can live and get by.
- C. Not interested abounding sometimes or for a while — but always.

## Conclusion:

- A. The road to victory begins with obedience to the gospel.
- B. The road to victory ends with the glorious resurrection.