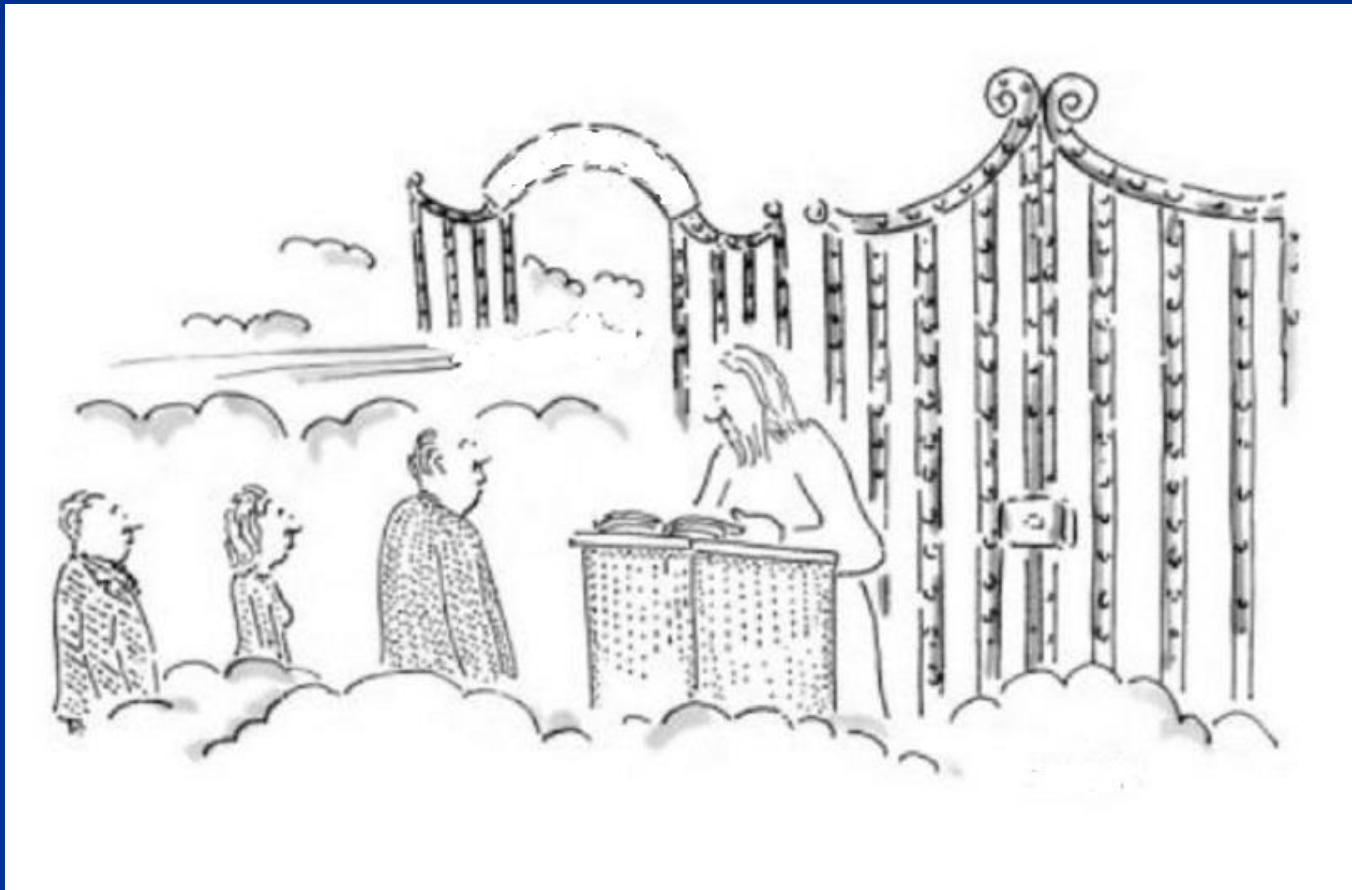


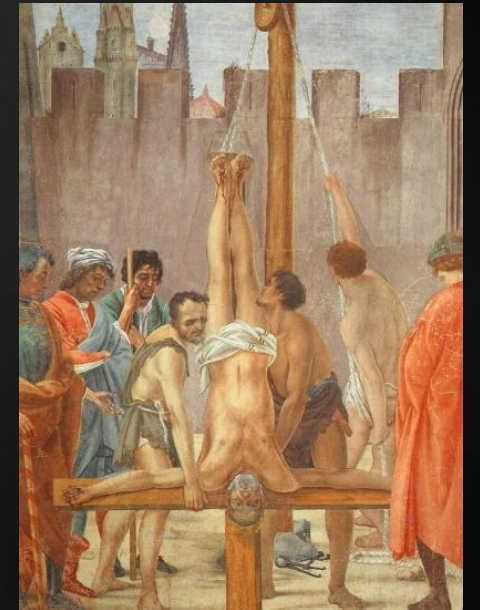
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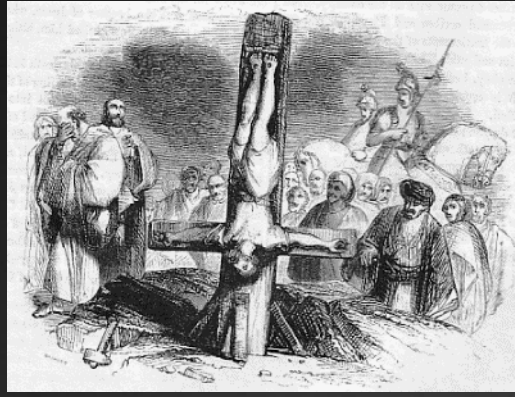
1 Cor 15:50-58





- ▶ Andrew went to west Europe - crucified
- ▶ Bartholomew – India – crucified with head downward
- ▶ James, son of Alphaeus – stoned to death at Jerusalem
- ▶ James, brother of John – beheaded by Herod (Acts 12:2)
- ▶ John, died of old age @ Ephesus
- ▶ Matthew, martyred @ Nad Davar or Parthia
- ▶ Peter – crucified by Nero in Rome with head downward.





- ▶ **Philip** - **crucified** in Hierapolis with head downward
- ▶ **Simon the Zealot**, preached to Egypt, Cyrene, Africa, Mauritania, Britain, Libya, and Persia. **Sawn into two** or crucified.
- ▶ **Thaddeus**/Judas son of James – went to all Mesopotamia, and **martyred**.
- ▶ **Thomas**, active missionary - to the Parthians, Medes, Persians, Hyrcanians, Bactrians, and Margians, and was **killed** with a pine spear at Calamene, the city of India, and was buried there.
- ▶ **Matthias** preached in Ethiopia. He was later **stoned** while hanging upon a cross.



1 Corinthians 15:50-58

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood **cannot inherit the kingdom of God**, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

⁵¹ Listen, I tell you **a mystery**: We will not all sleep, but we will **all be changed**—

⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must **clothe itself with the imperishable**, and the mortal with immortality.

⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with **immortality**, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in **victory**.”

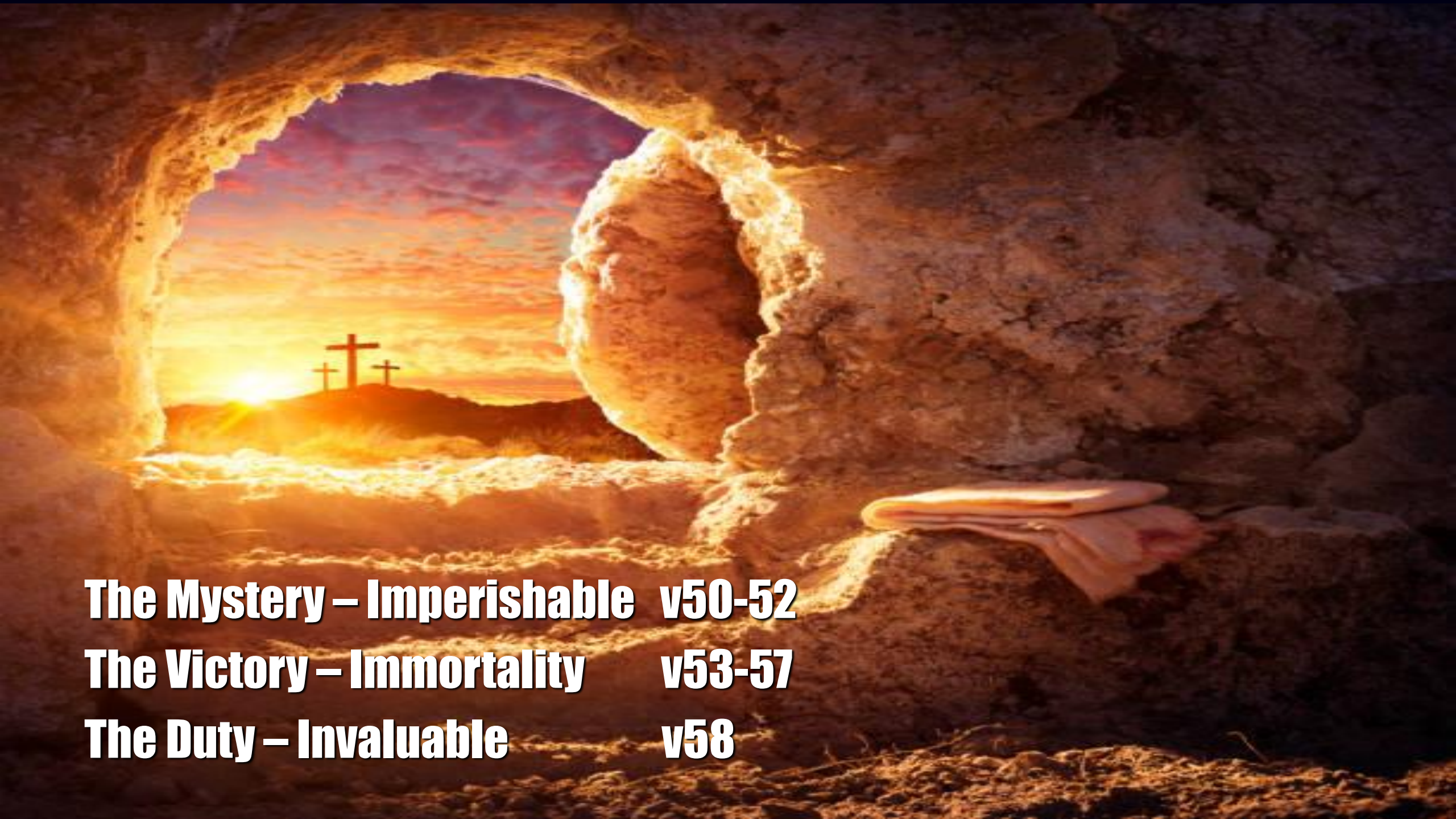
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

55 “Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of
sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.



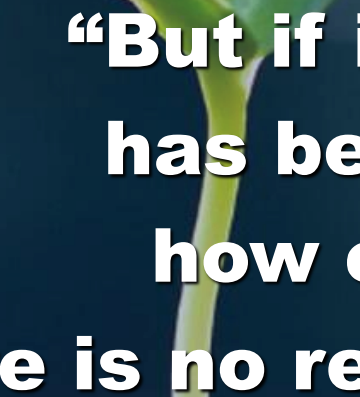
The Mystery – Imperishable v50-52

The Victory – Immortality v53-57

The Duty – Invaluable v58

The Mystery - Imperishable

- The Church at Corinth – growing yet divided, free yet immoral, gifted yet immature; persecution, accusation, false teachings, etc.

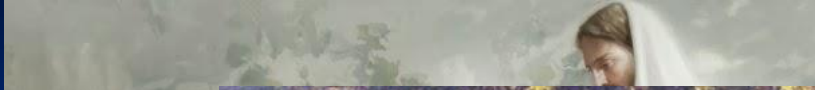


“But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?”

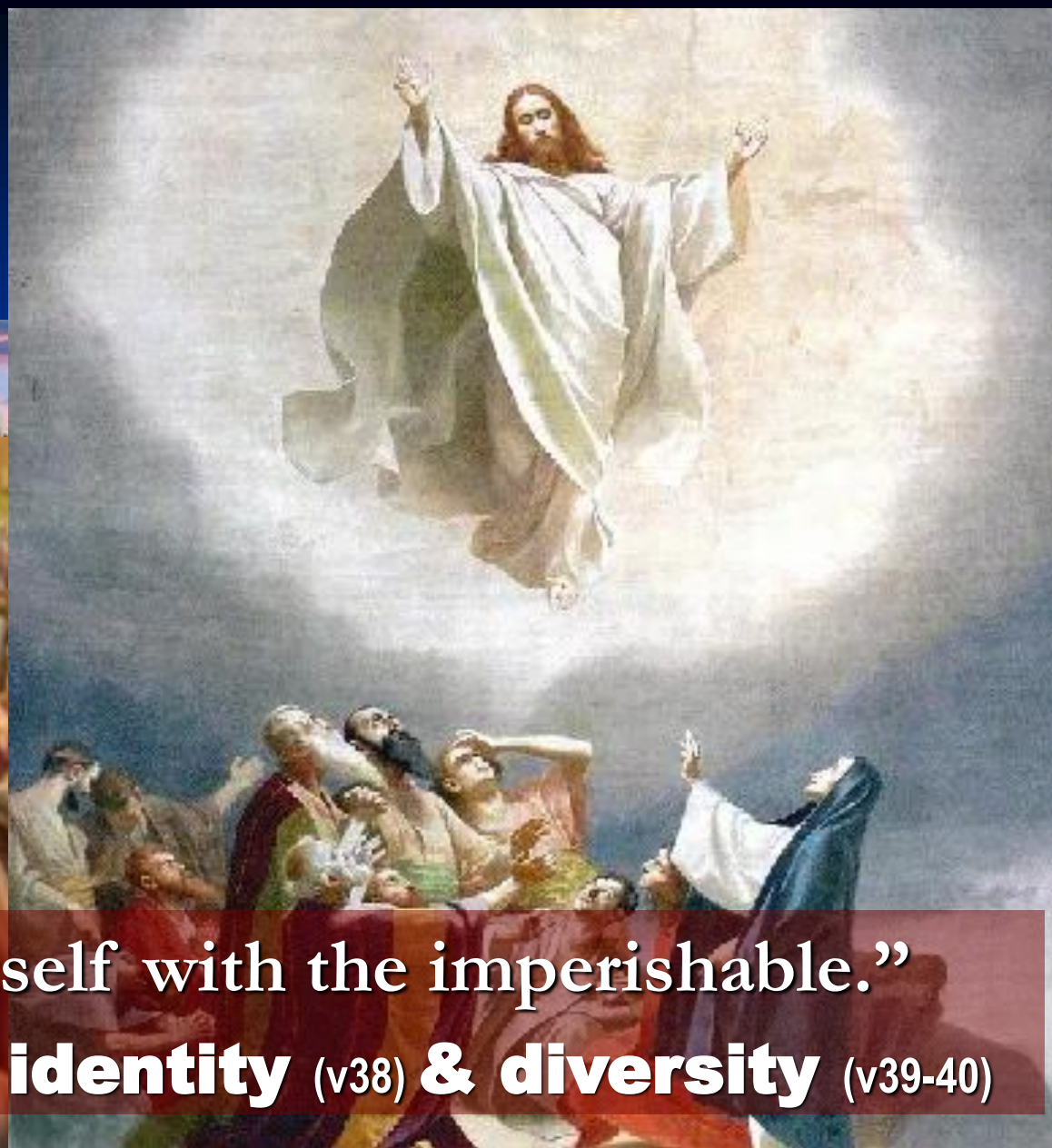
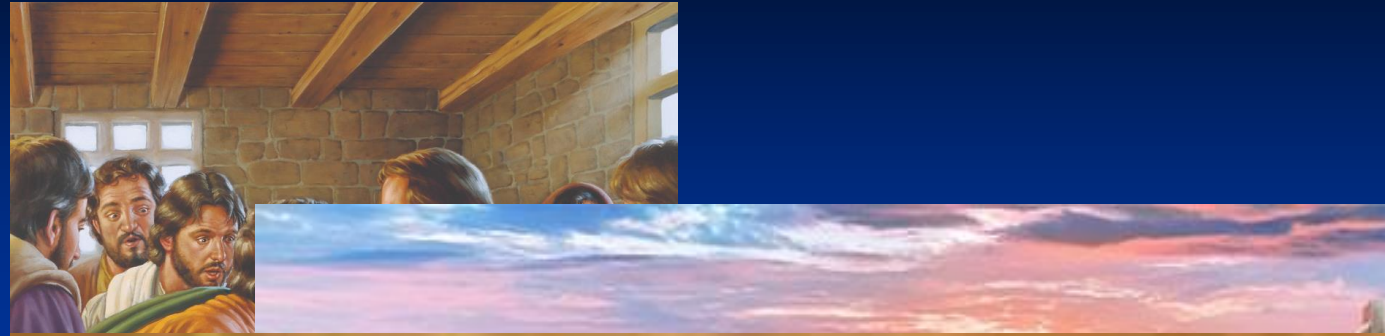
- 1 Cor 15:12

“..flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the **imperishable.”**

The Mystery - Imperishable



The Mystery - Imperishable



“For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable.”

Clothe; put on – continuity (v36-37), **identity** (v38) & **diversity** (v39-40)

The Mystery - Imperishable

“We will not all sleep,
But we will ALL be changed !”

“At the Last Trumpet !”

The Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 -

The Victory - Immortality

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

– 1 Cor 15:54c; c.f. Isaiah 25:8


“The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”

- 1Cor 15:26

“Death & Hades were thrown into the lake of fire (hell).” – Rev 20:14

**“The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.”**

The Victory - Immortality



But thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Duty - Invaluable

“Stand Firm; Let Nothing Move You;
Always give yourselves fully to
the work of the Lord!”

“..I worked harder than all .. – **yet not I, but**
the grace of God was with me.”

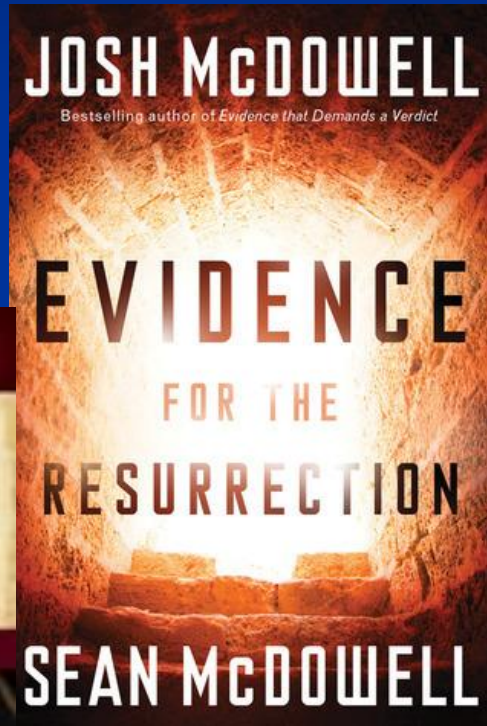
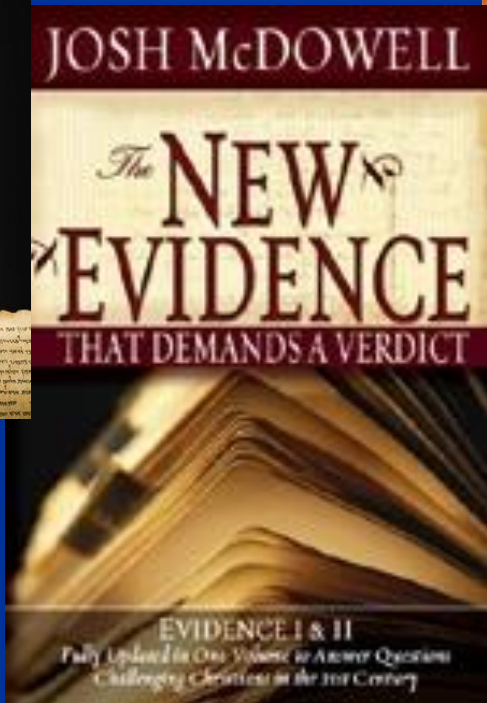
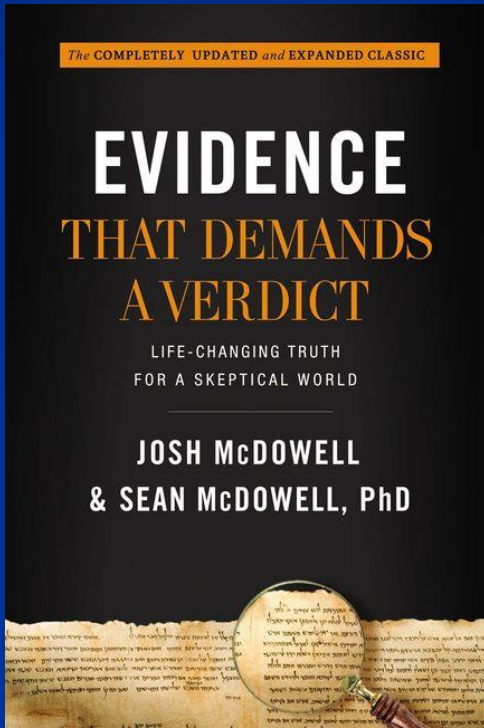
Paul said in 1 Cor 15:10b.

“Your labour in the Lord is not in vain.”



The Resurrection is true !

“If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins !” - (v17)



Victory over Death

□ Fuzzy about life

■ Faith in God

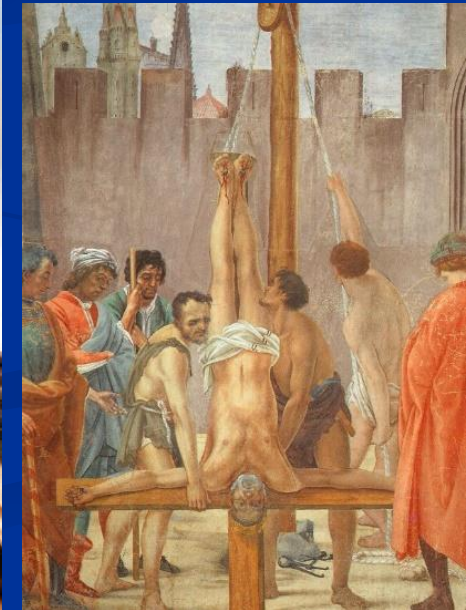
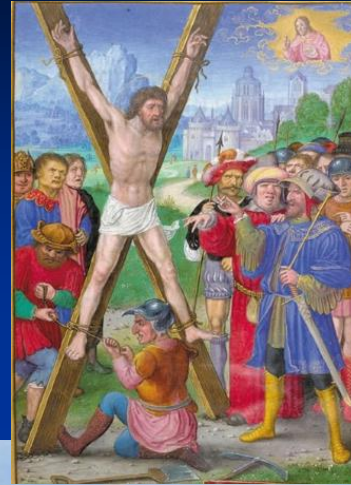
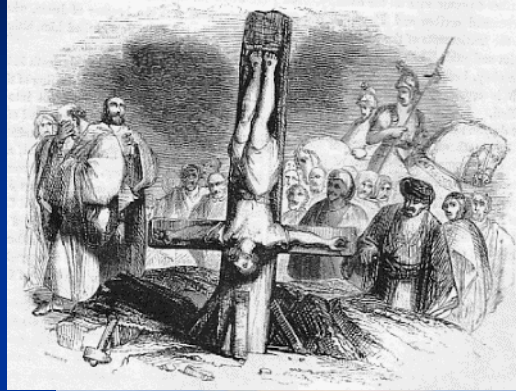
□ Trapped in the present

■ Thrilled with imperishable & immortality

Be Victorious over Death



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JAPANESE'S "CAN-DO" ATTITUDE

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MALAYSIAN'S "BOLEH" ATTITUDE



SINGAPOREAN'S "KIASU/KIASI" ATTITUDE

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**Die Die
also
must
say**

THE
**TWELVE
APOSTLES**



Be Victorious over Death

Be Victorious over Death

- Guaranteed to be imperishable
- Going to be immortal
- Good work of gospel which is invaluable

