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SCRIPTURE

HOSEA 13:12 – 15

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51 – 58



EASTER

AT HIGH POINT CHURCH

1 Corinthians 15:54 – 58

"Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my dear brothers, 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 background features a series of overlapping, semi-transparent geometric shapes. The upper portion is dominated by various shades of blue, ranging from light sky blue to a deeper cerulean, arranged in a pattern that suggests a sunburst or a stylized mountain range. The lower portion consists of horizontal, wavy bands of warm orange and terracotta tones, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall composition is modern and minimalist.

**CHRIST'S RESURRECTION
CAN REVERSE WHO WINS A
VICTORY IN DEATH.**

**CHRIST'S RESURRECTION
CAN REVERSE
UNPRODUCTIVE TO
PRODUCTIVE SUFFERING.**

Suffering that's not "in vain".



1. DEATH WAS THE
PRESUMPTIVE
VICTOR AND STINGER.

Rendering our suffering vain and tragic.

1 Corinthians 15:55 – 56

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

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STINGS AND VICTORIES



Stings and victories are what's left over
when a conflict is finished.

WHAT IS THE STING? WHO GETS THE VICTORY?

Hint: God thinks this is
the biggest problem.

1 Corinthians 15:56

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

The sting of death makes sin's guilt permanent.
And so death "wins" as a destroyer.

Hosea 13:12 – 15

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Sting of Death: It's Victory

We suffer unproductively in our sins,
and death renders our guilt permanent
And the Law confirms our judgment.

2. CHRIST USES DEATH AND SUFFERING TO MAKE US HIS VICTORY INSTEAD.

Rendering our suffering productive and purposeful.

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Hardly anything is a bad as
unproductive labor...



...and hardly
anything
produces
something
as good as
productive
labor.

THE JUSTIFICATION:

- Stand firm
- Let nothing move you
- Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord

Because: It is not in vain.

(Issue: is suffering productive or not?)