JESUS' VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH

I. Death is an enemy

- A. 1 Cor. 15:25, 26
- B. Death always separates.
- C. Sin brought death Rm. 5:12. Three categories of death:
 - 1. Spiritual Man's spirit separated from God while on Earth
 - 2. Physical Man's spirit separated from his body
 - 3. Eternal Man's spirit separated from God eternally

II. Jesus' victory over sin and death

- A. 1 Cor. 15:57
- B. Heb. 2:14, 15
- C. Rev. 1:17, 18

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III. His victory assures us

- A. The separation we feel in the loss of a loved one:
 - 1. though painful, is not permanent 1 Thess. 4:13-18
 - 2. is a departure to be in the presence of the Lord 2 Cor. 5:8
 - 3. is to a new home, a far better place, and gain for our loved one Jn. 14:1-3; Rev. 21:3, 4; Phil. 1:21-23
- B. Death is a rest from our earthly toil and to rewards in eternity Rev. 14:13; 1 Pe. 1:4
- C. All believers will one day experience a glorious resurrection and glorified body like Jesus Phil. 3:20, 21;1 Cor. 15:51-54; 2 Cor. 5:1-4