Groaning Hearts Made Grateful, Part Three

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (ESV)

Q1. Why do people die?

A. We die because _____ _____.

1. Adam's sin impacted us spiritually and relationally:

   Spiritually: as members of Adam's family, we are born _____ and _____ of sin.

   Relationally: like Adam and Eve, our relationships with God, one another, and the created world have been _____.

2. The punishment for sin is _____ and _____ death.

3. People fear death because it is an _____ we all face — and one we cannot _____.

Q2. What victory over death does Jesus offer those who believe Him?

A. When we die physically, we experience the joy of _____. When He returns, we will be _____ to live forever.

When Jesus gives us final victory over death, we will be delivered…

1. From _____ to _____. (Isaiah 25:7-8b, 9),
2. From _____ to _____ (Isaiah 25:6, 8), and

3. From fear and _____ of death to _____ in Christ (Isaiah 25:7).

Q3. How did Jesus give us victory over death?

A. By (1) satisfying the need for perfect _____, (2) paying the _____ of sin, and (3) overcoming death through His resurrection.

Q4 Why, then, do Christians still die physically?

A. In our death, "God's _____ completely frees them from _____ and misery" (WCL 85).

Q5 How should Christ's victory over death impact our times of grief and fear of death?

A. When death grieves or threatens us, _____ in Christ's victory turns our hearts to celebration.

When sadness or fear of death overwhelm us…

1. Remember the _____ of Jesus' victory,
2. _____ them in contrast to the assumptions of flesh and world, and
3. Express your _____ to the Father for the completed _____ of Jesus.