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.
   B. Unmoved by hardship and danger (2 Cor. 11:26).
   C. Unmoved by numbers.
      1. Noah (I 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.