

# Death Will Be Swallowed Up in Victory

- A. To “swallow up” is a curiously vivid phrase.
1. Aaron’s staff-turned-serpent “swallowed up” the staffs of Pharaoh’s sorcerers in *Exodus 7*.
  2. Korah and his rebellious compatriots were “swallowed up” by the earth in *Numbers 16*.
  3. David affirmed that those who hate the LORD would be “swallowed up” in his wrath in *Psalms 21*.
  4. David prayed, “Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up” (*Psa 69:15*).
  5. Israel was said to have been “swallowed up” by Assyria in *Hosea 8*.
  6. The LORD appointed a great fish “to swallow up” Jonah in *Jonah 1*.
- B. To be “swallowed up” is to be consumed, enveloped, or assimilated. In most contexts it’s a terrifying thought...all of which makes *2 Corinthians 4:4-5:5* incredible.

## I. “Swallowed Up By Life”

- A. Paul claims that in and through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, we can know that the day is coming when death will be “swallowed up” in victory (*1 Cor 15:1-8, 20, 50-57*).
- B. By the ultimate victory of Jesus, victory has been made available to us. Do you want it? Realize...

## II. My Eternal Destiny Depends on...

- A. ...what I was “swallowed up” by during my time on this earth.

1. Earth-bound \_\_\_\_\_? (*Luke 8:14*)
2. \_\_\_\_\_? (*1 Cor 6:12*)
3. \_\_\_\_\_? (*Eccl 2:9-11*)
4. \_\_\_\_\_? (*Eccl 10:18*)
5. Other \_\_\_\_\_? (*1 Cor 15:33*)
6. My own \_\_\_\_\_? (*Phil 3:18-19*)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ for God (*John 2:13-17*)

- B. How do we nurture and light our hearts on fire with zeal for God?

1. Kindle your \_\_\_\_\_ with God-shaped perspective (*2 Cor 5:6*).
2. Walk the walk of \_\_\_\_\_ (*2 Cor 5:7*).
3. Consistently feed yourself with God’s precious \_\_\_\_\_ (*2 Cor 5:8*).
4. \_\_\_\_\_ carefully (*2 Cor 5:9*).
5. Remember the “whole \_\_\_\_\_” of mankind (*2 Cor 5:10*).
6. Humbly work to \_\_\_\_\_ others (*2 Cor 5:11*).

- C. You have an appointment (*Rev 20:11-15*). Are you ready?