

I. Corinthians 15. 56. 57.

The sting of Death is Sin, and the Strength of Sin is the Law. But thanks be to God who giveth us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

AS some among the Corinthians doubted, and others denied the Resurrection of the Body, the Apostle enlarges in this Chapter on the Certainty and Importance of that fundamental Doctrine of the Christian Religion. And proves it by divers Arguments.

At the 35th Verse he brings in the Philosophic Infidel proposing his Question, with Design, it may be, to ridicule this Doctrine. But some Men will yet say, how are the Dead raised up again? And with what kind of Body do they come? Some pretend 'tis impossible, and a thing incredible that God should raise the Dead. This was the cry of the antient Philosophers; and is taken by the Deists of our own Age. They tell us that 'tis not consistent with the known Rules of Philosophy for the Body to rise. But the Apostle answers the Scoffer with a Severity due to his Temper, Thou Fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die, and lie buried in the Earth. Which shows that the Dissolution and Corruption of the Body by Death is so far from being an Objection to its Resurrection, that it is necessary to it, even as the dying and putrifying of the Seed, or Grain of Wheat, is necessary