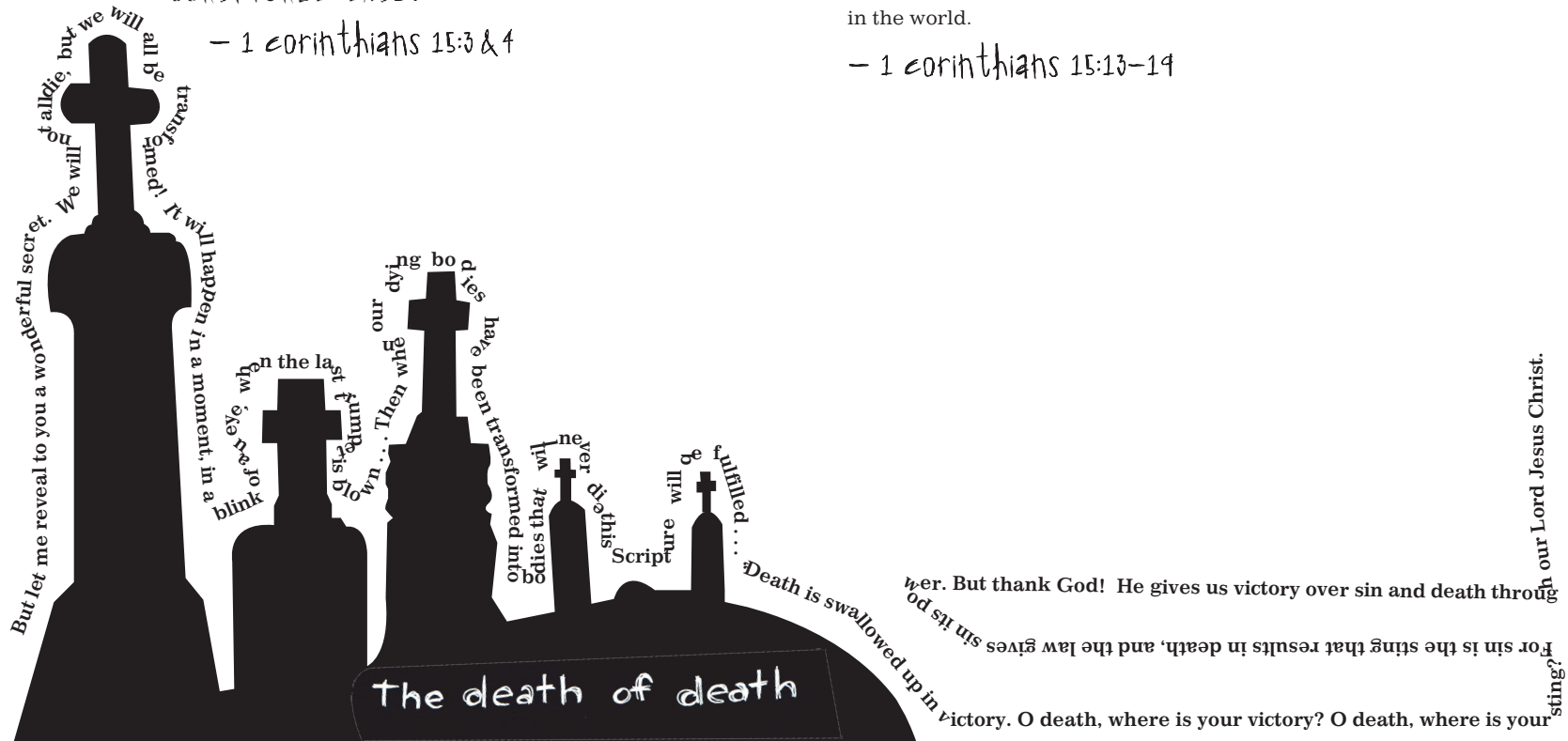


For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He BROKE THE POWER OF DEATH AND ILLUMINATED THE WAY TO LIFE AND IMMORTALITY THROUGH THE GOOD NEWS.

— 2 timothy 1:8-10

I PASSED ON TO YOU WHAT WAS MOST IMPORTANT AND WHAT HAD ALSO BEEN PASSED ON TO ME. CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS, JUST AS THE SCRIPTURES SAID. HE WAS BURIED, AND HE WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY, JUST AS THE SCRIPTURES SAID.

— 1 corinthians 15:3 & 4



Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, and tombs opened. THE BODIES OF MANY GODLY MEN AND WOMAN WHO HAD DIED WERE RAISED FROM THE DEAD. THEY LEFT THE CEMETERY AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people.

— matthew 27:50-53

For if there is no RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, then Christ has not been RAISED either. And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless . . . And if Christ has not been RAISED, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

— 1 corinthians 15:13-14