

VICTORY (THE BASIS OF OUR VICTORY).

The theme of this brief study is *victory in Jesus*. As a follower of the Lord, you don't have to go through life downtrodden and defeated. Come see what it means to be on the winning side!

A. POINT 1: **VICTORY IS IN CHRIST.**

1. Scripture text: 1Cor. 15:57.
but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Thoughts:
 - a) "Victory" in Jesus is yours. God has no intention of allowing you to lose the battles of life.
 - b) This victory is something that **God "gives"** us. We don't have to earn it. No! Like salvation, victory is a free gift of God's grace.
 - c) As is true of so many of the things of God, victory is given us by God **"through our Lord Jesus Christ"**. Thus the expression, and the title of the famous song: "*Victory in Jesus*"! Since Jesus is Lord of all (Ac. 10:36), He can and will triumph in *all* situations (2Cor. 1:20). *(Ac 10:36) The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)--*
(2Cor 1:20) For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.
So we may boldly proclaim "victory in Jesus!"
4. Ongoing victory in Christ in this fallen, hostile world is something for which to give *"thanks...to God"*.

B. POINT 2: **WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS.**

1. Scripture text: Rom. 8:37.
But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.
This verse repeats some of the themes of the previous verse and adds some insights.
2. Thoughts:
 - a. Once again, living victoriously (conquering our obstacles) comes *"through him [Jesus]"*. Remember Christ's words (Jn. 16:33).
These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."
Remember, Jesus is **Lord of all** (Ac. 10:36), including Lord over all this world's troubles.
 - b. Against all foes, the Lord makes you *"more than conquerors"*.
 - c. This victory in Christ, this conquering, is broad-based and pervasive — *"...in all these things ... conquerors"*.
 - d. And this empowerment, this enabling to conquer, is an expression of **Jesus' love** for us (Rom. 8:35 — *"the love of Christ"*).

C. POINT 3: **OUR TRIUMPH IS IN CHRIST.**

1. Scripture text: 2Cor. 2:14.
But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.
This final verse, like the previous two, has some uplifting, encouraging promises.
2. Thoughts:
 - a) Again, the promised triumph is *"in Christ"*. A daily, close walk with Jesus is a source of great victory against the world, the flesh, and the devil.
 - b) This provision of God-given victory to us is worthy of much **"thanks ... unto God"**. Don't take it for granted. Thank God daily for making you triumphant, a conqueror, a victor in Jesus Christ.

- c) Earlier we saw words such as “*victory*” and “*conquerors*”. In this verse we see another synonym — “*triumph*”. By now the pattern is clear. Victory, conquering, triumph, overcoming — these are **God’s plan** for those who receive and follow His Son, Jesus Christ.
- d) How often can we expect God to give us victory in Jesus? “***Always!***” The Scripture promises us that God will “***always cause us to triumph in Christ***”.

D. **Summary:**

1. God gives us the **victory**.
2. He makes us more than **conquerors**.
3. He makes us **triumphant overcomers**.
4. He brings us these victories **through Jesus Christ**.
5. Victory in Jesus is a **free gift** of God. We don’t have to earn it.
6. This God-given victory is **broad-based** (“*in all these things*”).
7. Ours is an “***always***” victory. It is not hit-or-miss.
8. We are made victorious because of Jesus’ **love** for us.

E. Some scriptures concerning our victory in Christ:

1. Deut. 20:4
for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.’
2. Lk. 12:32.
Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.
3. Jn. 16:33.
These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”
4. Rom. 8:1; 8:16-17.
(Rom 8:1) Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
(Rom 8:16-17) The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.
5. 1Cor. 15:56-57.
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
6. 2Cor. 4:8ff.
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; 8 *we are* afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So death works in us, but life in you.
7. Eph. 6:10,13.
(Eph 6:10) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.
(Eph 6:13) Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.
8. 1Jn. 4:4; 5:3-5.
(1Jn 4:4) You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.
(1Jn 5:3-5) For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.
5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

9. 2Pet. 1:10-11.

Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; **11** for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

10. Rev. 12:11: 15:2.

(Rev 12:11) And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

(Rev 15:2) And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.

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