

The Reality of Being More Than a Conqueror in Life

Romans 8:37 (NIV) says, "...In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." But do we really know what it means to be more than a conqueror? I know it took many years for me to learn what it means and how to live the victorious life Jesus died to give us as believers.

I remember many years when I went to church faithfully every week, yet my private life was pathetic. It was so frustrating because I really loved God and was a born-again believer, but I wasn't experiencing victory over the problems in my life so that I could really live for God and help people.

As I eventually grew in my personal relationship with Jesus and spent time studying the Word, I came to understand what it means to be more than a conqueror and how I could get there. And if I can do it, so can you.

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To be more than a conqueror means that before you ever get a problem, you already know that whatever problem comes your way, you can overcome it through Christ! You live with confidence that God loves you no matter what and He will never leave you nor forsake you. And when you have this kind of relationship with God, you aren't constantly afraid of bad news or of things that may happen that aren't in your plan. When the unexpected happens or you're disappointed, you won't be devastated by it.

See, when you truly understand who you are in Christ—who *God* says you are and everything that's yours through a relationship with Jesus—you discover there's nothing that can happen that is too much for you...because there's nothing that's

too much for Him! First John 4:4 confirms it: "Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world" (AMPC).

It's so important for us to get this truth down in our hearts and see ourselves as more than conquerors through Jesus, because if we don't, then our enemy, Satan, will be able to confuse us and keep us from victory. And all the enemy wants to do is kill, steal and destroy what God wants us to have (John 10:10). He wants to diminish you—make you small-minded and small in spirit so you'll live a small, frustrated life.

But we don't have to live that way. Every person who declares that Jesus is Lord, repents of their sin, and gives their heart to God is a child of God and belongs to Him (Rom. 10:9-11). In Christ, we are forgiven and made right with God. We have the strength and power to do what His Word says to do and live the full and fulfilling life He has for us.

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Do you realize what this means? It means that as we spend time with God in prayer and studying the Bible, we can access the wisdom and strength we need to make right choices and behave right. It doesn't happen all at once or overnight, but we will make progress every day that we seek God this way.

I really want you to understand who you are in Christ as a born-again believer. You were never meant to be frustrated, discouraged, or feel like you're always just trying to get

through the day. God has more for you than that!

When you make a mistake and the enemy comes and tells you, "You're no good," you don't have to take on the guilt and condemnation he wants to put on you. No! You can immediately confess your mistake to God, thank Him for forgiving you and cleansing you with the blood of Jesus, and move forward in the victory of His grace and forgiveness (1 John 1:9).

Here's a scripture that has helped me take hold of who I am in Christ and live with victory over the hardships of this world: "In this [union and communion with Him] love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us...because as He is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17, AMPC).

I encourage you to learn who God really is. Get a deeper understanding of His character and His heart for you. Spend time with Him, read His Word, and let Him love you. Know that He loves you unconditionally. God is good, and He wants to bless you and help you. When we know this truth, we don't have to be tormented by doubts about whether God cares or whether He will take care of us.

Whatever your situation is today, God knows about it. He sees you and hears the cry of your heart. And if you will give Him your problems and do what He tells you to do, you will access His overcoming love, grace, and power and be more than a conqueror. Because in Christ, as He is, so are we in this world!

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