

Victory In Jesus

GOD'S PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A VICTORIOUS PEOPLE. They have not always lived in victory, but they have always been destined for ultimate victory. Sometimes it may seem like victory is impossible. But, even in times like these, we can place our trust and confidence in our Savior. He has never forsaken us; He does not ignore our plight. As Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for our good to them who are called according to His purpose."

The Church is a special people to Jesus and is destined to total victory. Even though there may be times when victory may not be apparent, the Church is nonetheless set for victory. We may feel like at times we have lost the battle, and it may even appear that way. But Jesus Christ promised victory to His Church, His chosen. As 1 Corinthians 15:57 says, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Even in death, a Christian suffers absolutely no defeat. It is the most victorious time in his or her life. 1 Corinthians 15:54 puts it this way: "So when this corruptible shall have put on corruption, and this mortal shall have immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'"

As Christians, our attitude should be of humble confidence in Jesus Christ through every situation. In 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, Paul writes, "We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed..." Paul is alluding in this verse to the Isthmian games, celebrated at Corinth. "Hard pressed on every side" pertains to wrestling: thrown down by our adversary and so pressed to the floor (ground) by our opponent, that we are brought to distress as one who cannot get out of our antagonist's hands — "yet not crushed." "We are perplexed, but not in despair": not knowing what to do, or how to master the skill of our adversary, we attempt no counter strategy, yet we do not give up or give in, for we know that help will come. As our key verse 1 Corinthians 15:57 reminds us: "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." "Struck down, but not destroyed": cast down in troubles and difficulties, yet rising again, and ultimately surmounting them all through the strength and strategy of our Lord Jesus Christ. For through Him we are more than conquerors!

Jesus Christ has equipped Christians for victory. As 1 John 4:4 says, "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." Our Lord Jesus Christ has provided for us every source of spiritual protection we need. We have the offensive weapons of God's Word, prayer, and praise to fight the wicked assaults of the enemy. Best of all, we have the Captain of our salvation in us through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. **WE WILL WIN THROUGH HIM.**
Read Ephesians 6:10-18 (NKJV).

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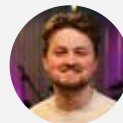
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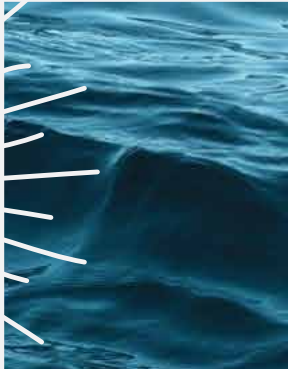
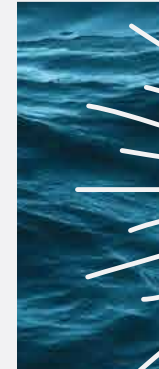
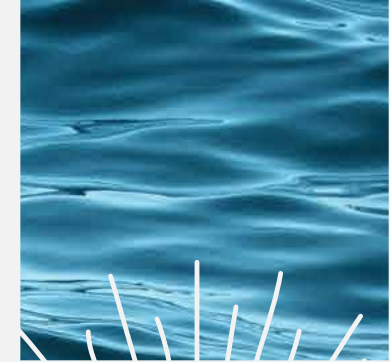


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