



Who Am I?

"I Am More Than a Conqueror Through Christ Who Loved Me"

Romans 8:31-39

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CONSULT THE SCRIPTURES

Echoes of this message in Romans 8:37 can be seen in many of Paul's letters:

Colossians 2:15 - He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

2 Corinthians 2: 14-17 - But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.

For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

CONSULT THE SCHOLARS

The list in v. 35 (Romans 8) is given in increasing intensity. And 8:35 is part of the "all things" God uses to conform us to the image of Christ. Note how the phrase "all things" is here and in v. 28. Note the present tense of the verb, "keep on being conquerors to a greater degree." - (Walvoord & Zuck)

Triumphant life Romans 8: 31-39

In a grand climax inspired by God's outworking of his purposes Paul lifts up his heart in a lyrical assertion of security and triumph. The passage is parallel with 5: 1-11. Both are encouraging deductions from earlier doctrinal truth. Both stress the love of God in allowing his Son to die, the death and risen and exalted life of Christ,

God's being on our side, the Christian attitude to adversity, and the past being a guarantee of the future. (F.F. Bruce)

Far from being victims of circumstances, Paul and all who stand with him are given overwhelming victory (Phillips, NEB) - (F.F. Bruce)

It's our relationship with God that brings us victory, for he has chosen us not to muddle on in the pit of sin but to be transformed into the image of his son. - Lawrence Richards (744).

DISCUSS

1. What obstacles do you come up against that impact your attitude when life gets difficult? For example, some revert to complaining rather than acknowledging their "more than conquerors" identity in Christ.
2. Name one way your identity "in Christ" is growing? Is God's identity for you "in Christ" making a difference in the way you view yourself? Explain.
3. How can we apply our identity as "more than conquerors" to dealing with nagging sins what are tough for us to put off?
4. Some view Christians as "haters of humanity." How do we practically "conqueror for Christ" while being in the world but not of the world? In other words, how do we stand up against immorality and idolatry and still shine as lights in the world? (Remember what Peter said in 1 Peter 2:12).
5. This sermon/message emphasized the importance of using the spiritual weapons of warfare and focused primarily on prayer. Share with your community group the hindrances you experience to pray, and the joys as well.
6. What do you think you have to do to move past the shock and unbelief that you are more than a conqueror and begin to believe and live in that reality (identity).