

ASSURED VICTORY.

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INTRODUCTION.

- A. Loss, failure, and defeat are not words that inspire and uplift.**
- B. Conquest, triumph, and victory, on the other hand, ignite the soul with passion and hope.**
- C. For the faithful child of God, victory is the ultimate end (Rom. 8:37).**
- D. For the next few minutes, we want to look at some of the concepts that surround the topic of “Victory.”**

I. JESUS PROVIDED THE ULTIMATE VICTORY.

- A. As Jesus approached the final hours of His life on earth, He knew He had been victorious (John 16:33; Luke 23:46).**
 - 1. Satan could not destroy Him at his birth, nor cause Him to sin in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13).
 - 2. He finished the work He came to do (John 19:30).
- B. His death appeared to be defeat.**
 - 1. In humiliation, the Son of God drew His last breath on the cursed tree and was placed into a tomb of death and decay. However, death could not hold Him. Jesus claimed victory on the third day in fulfillment of the Scriptures.
 - 2. Satan was defeated (Heb. 2:14).
- C. Jesus’ victory is seen to be complete in the Revelation. He is pictured as the rider on the white horse (Rev. 6:2; 19:16).**
 - 1. In Revelation, all of the Lord’s enemies are subdued.
 - 1) The beast and the false prophet are cast into the lake of fire burning with brimstone (Rev 19:20).
 - 2) Death and hell are cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14).
 - 2. The holy city is seen as the only thing standing, and its gates are eternally open (Rev. 21:25). Why? There are no enemies to threaten the inhabitants any more.

II. WE CAN HAVE A PART IN CHRIST’S VICTORY.

- A. Rev. 21:7 “He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”**
- B. The question is: How do we overcome? How do we become part of the victory procession?**
 - 1. Three things are found in Rev. 12:11 “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”
 - 1) The blood of the Lamb cleanses and redeems (Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:26).
 - a) This blood, however, is applied conditionally (Col. 2:11-13).
 - b) As we “walk in the light” the blood cleanses (1 John 1:7).
 - 2) The Bible reveals “how” we have access to the saving blood of Christ.
 - a. The gospel pricks the heart and prompts obedience (Acts 2:37).
 - b. Thus, it is the “power” of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16-17).
 - 3) The sacrifice of self.
 - a. The ones spoken of in Rev. 12:11 “loved not their lives unto the death.”
 - b. We are reminded of Jesus’ words in Matt. 10:39 “He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.”
 - 2. The final component needed to be an overcomer is faith (1 John 5:4).

III. THE BENEFITS OF VICTORY.

A. Rest from struggle (**Rev. 14:13** “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.”)

B. Relief from the enemy.

1. Death is overcome with life (**1 Cor. 15:54**).
2. The devil is cast into eternal hell (**Rev. 20:10**).
3. Tears, sorrow, crying and pain are passed away (**Rev. 21:4**).
4. Nothing that defiles, or worketh abomination, or that maketh a lie will be found in the eternal city (**Rev. 21:27**).

C. In the Revelation, overcomers are promised numerous rewards.

1. Eat of the tree of life (**Rev. 2:7**).
2. Shall not be hurt of the second death (**Rev. 2:11**).
3. Eat of the hidden manna (**Rev. 2:17**).
4. Power over the nations (**Rev. 2:26**).
5. Name not blotted out, but confess before the Father (**Rev. 3:5**).
6. A pillar in the temple of God (**Rev. 3:12**).
7. Granted to sit down on God’s throne (**Rev. 3:21**).

D. Oftentimes, the Bible mentions the “stephanos,” the victory crown that will be given to the Lord’s faithful.

1. **1 Tim. 4:8** “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not unto me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”
2. (**1 Cor. 9:25; James 1:12; Rev. 2:10**).

IV. CONCLUSION

A. Victory is promised to the faithful.

B. 1 Cor. 15:57 “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”