

Faith is triumphant in Christ

God and the world view success quite differently. For God, human success reaches its highest when Jesus Christ is believed in, and surrendered to as Lord. Consequently, the Bible speaks of Christian life with triumphant words which spell out the believer's success in Christ. Paul celebrated that sin and death were conquered by the resurrected Christ, giving *"thanks to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Corinthians 15:57).



Like Paul, the apostle John knew the triumph of dependent belief in Christ as Saviour. 1 John 5:4-5 says; *"For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"*

Faith unlocks security

For the Christian, Christ is your security, with God's love permanently attached to you. Christ's certainty means *"in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us... neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:37-39). Now that's unparalleled commitment from God which has no earthly equal.

No matter what life throws at you, in Christ you are safe and

secure for eternity. Old Testament Job had this single minded faith. Even though he was a righteous man, he lost everything earthly. Abandoned to the local rubbish tip because of his sore infested body, Job found no comfort from anything or anyone earthly. Yet Job declared by faith; *“I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another...”* (Job 19:25-27).

Remember, God’s arch enemy wants you to feel abandoned and fearful. Part of his mission is to rob you of all joy and certainty. Don’t allow him any foothold. Stand firm, hold tightly to and proclaim the truths of God’s Word.

Faith never lets go

By its very nature, faith clings to God; knowing that the victory Christ achieved on the Cross of Calvary is what purchased pardon for sinners who believe. Nothing, and no one can undo, reverse, or diminish your redemption which was paid for by the life-blood of Jesus. God’s forgiveness is irreversible. Likewise, *“the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable”* (Romans 11:29). Believe God’s Word; *“it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged”* (Hebrews 6:18). Victory in Christ is not only inevitable but guaranteed by Christ.

Asaph testified in Psalm 73:25-26; *“Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”* Christ Jesus is sufficient to carry you through the deepest pains and bring you to absolute triumph. Lean into Him with all your weight. Trust His victory over sin and death to be yours by faith (Rom 3:21-25).

Today I encourage you; live the faith which is triumphant in Christ. Share these truths with someone who may be feeling

weak or discouraged. You and they will be uplifted, and Christ will be glorified.

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