

“I Am an Overwhelming Conqueror!”

Romans 8.35-37; 1 Corinthians 15.55-57; 1 John 4.4; 5.4-5

Last week we focused on our identity as soldiers in the spiritual battle of life. While the battle is real, the Bible says God has *given us the victory*, we *overcome the world*, and we're *more than conquerors*! If this is true, why do we still sin? Where is my victory? *It's in Christ, who loved us!*

- “I’m a super-conqueror? Why don’t I feel like it?” (Romans 7)

The spiritual battle that rages

The hidden scars of spiritual battle

Who will deliver me? God through Jesus Christ!

- God’s Guarantee of Eventual Victory (Rom. 8.28-30)

Predestined...to be conformed to the image of Christ!

Our ‘glorification’ in heaven is sure! (Eph. 2.4-7; Col. 3.3)

- God’s Provision and Presence in the Battle (Rom. 8.31-39)

He gave His own Son...He’ll give us all we need!

Nothing can separate us from His love!

Prayer for wounded soldiers: *Lord, thank you that nothing can separate me from Your love. Help me today to live as the person I am, and who I am destined to be, more than a conqueror!*



1. Physical wars come and go, but a spiritual battle has been waged since the dawn of creation and continues to rage 24/7 in the world today. While it is camouflaged by our physical senses, this spiritual battle is the most real thing in life. It is the single most important conflict every person will face in this life. It determines first *where* we spend eternity, and second *how* we spend eternity. The unsaved do not naturally recognize this battle, because they are of this world and slaves of the god of this world, Satan. How does Satan keep the unsaved from recognizing what is at stake in their lives (2 Cor. 4.4)? What did Jesus’ coming accomplish in this cosmic battle (Heb. 2.14-15; 1 John 2.2)? How does the work of the Holy Spirit factor in the battle for souls (John 16.7-11)? What is the role of Christians in this spiritual battle to rescue the unsaved (Acts 1.8; 1 Cor. 9.19-22)?
2. While one ‘front’ of the cosmic war is for the souls of the unsaved, the other battle – and the one every Christian knows about – is our conflict with sin in the world. This battle will be different for each person; the circumstances, trials, temptations, persecutions, doubts, and afflictions are uniquely yours, but in each of our lives, Satan is scheming to derail and destroy our spiritual vitality. What ways is he attacking you right now? On what ‘fronts’ in the spiritual battle are you most vulnerable? It is important for each of us to understand the way we are attacked. Read Rom. 7.14-23; Gal. 5.13-17; Eph. 6.10-13; 1 Pet. 5.8.
3. Seeing ourselves as ‘more than conquerors’ while the battle with sin and suffering continues in life is not easy. The biggest battle is often ‘between our ears’ – as Satan whispers his lies and distracts us with the desires of the flesh. There is no ‘quick fix’ here: Old habits (and the ‘old nature’) die hard! We need to ‘be transformed by renewing of our minds’ (see Rom. 12.2). Here are some questions to ask (and answer) for yourself: *What is my true spiritual desire in life? Am I making time to personally read God’s Word? Since “iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another” (Prov. 27.17), is meeting with other Christians a priority in my life? Am I honestly making time to pray alone (like Jesus did) and with others?*