

More Than Conquerors

(Romans 8:31-39)

- Introduction:
1. “Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us” (Romans 8:37).
 2. These are among the most encouraging words in the book of Romans.
 3. In this lesson, I want to clarify a few misunderstandings relating to this truth.

I. Being a Conqueror Implies a Conflict.

- A. You cannot conquer without an opponent or without opposition.
- B. “If God is for us, who can be against us” (8:31) – Doesn’t mean we have no opposition, but that we have no opponents who can prevail.
- C. Ills. people wanting to get baptized to rid themselves of trouble.
- D. It may mean the opposite; it may mean a “pit” is in your future (Genesis 37:24).
- E. Have we properly read Hebrews 11:35-38?
- F. We cannot...
 1. Have a crown without a cross.
 2. Conquer without a conflict.
 3. Be victorious without an opponent.

II. Maintain God’s Point of View.

- A. I know what words like “conquer,” “victory,” and “triumph” look like to humans, but if we are to understand this passage, we must remember what it looks like to God.
- B. (2 Chronicles 34) God’s “gift” to Josiah.
- C. Consider the saints in Revelation 6:10.
 1. The look defeated.
 2. (Revelation 20:4) Reigning with Christ.
- D. God isn’t nearly as concerned with the longevity of our physical existence as he is with our eternal existence.
- E. Instead of asking, “Where’s God,” when we suffer a loss and our prayers for longevity are not answered, the better question would be to ask, “Where’s my loved one?”

III. It’s Not You, It’s Him

- A. Ills. of flea and elephant crossing a swinging bridge.
- B. Ills. of friend playing golf with Kenny Perry’s son.
- C. (Judges 7:2).
- D. God doesn’t want us boasting in our own salvation either (Romans 4:2; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29).
- E. Don’t miss the imagery – We are compared to sheep - conquering sheep?

- Conclusion:
1. This is a great text and provides us with assurance and hope.
 2. But to understand that hope, we must understand these truths we examine tonight.