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## **Victory in Jesus: The Believer's Reason for Confidence**

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**We have victory through Jesus in at least 8 ways:**

### **1. Victory in Spiritual Warfare (as the Church)**

**Matt 16:18** "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against (κατισχύσουσιν) it. (κατ-ισχύω)

### **2. Victory through Jesus' Complete and Permanent Victory**

**John 16:29-33** – <sup>33</sup> "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (ἐγὼ νενίκηκα τὸν κόσμον)

### **3. Victory through God's Sovereign Power & Unceasing Love**

**Rom 8:28-39** – <sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." <sup>37</sup> Yet **in** all these things we are more than conquerors (ὑπερνικῶμεν) through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, **shall be able** to separate us from the **love of God** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (<sup>37</sup> ἀλλ' ἐν τούτοις πᾶσιν ὑπερνικῶμεν διὰ τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντος ἡμᾶς.) (<sup>NAS</sup> But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.)

### **4. Victory Over Evil through Doing Good**

**Rom 12:17-21** – <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance *is* Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome (νικῶ) by evil, but overcome (νικά) evil with good.

### **5. Victory Over Death and Its Impact**

**1 Cor 15:50-58** – <sup>50</sup> Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. <sup>51</sup> Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the

dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory (νίκος)." <sup>55</sup> "O Death, where *is* your sting? O Hades, where *is* your victory (νίκος)?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory (νίκος) through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

- a. The Purpose of Death Is Removed (punishment)
- b. The Permanence of Death Is Removed (immortality)
- c. The Power of Death Is Removed (law)
- d. The Peril (Fear) of Death Is Removed (resurrection)
- e. The Promise of Effort Is Given (58)

### **6. Victory Over False Teachers and Anti-God Rulers**

**1 John 4:1-4** – <sup>1</sup> Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. <sup>4</sup> You are of God, little children, and have overcome (νενικήκατε) them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. (ὅτι μείζων ἐστὶν ὁ ἐν ὑμῖν ἢ ὁ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ.)

**Rev 12:11** – And they overcame (ἐνίκησαν) him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. (15:2)

### **7. Victory by Belief in Jesus, the Overcomer**

**1 John 5:1-5** – <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For whatever is born of God overcomes (νικᾷ) the world. And this is the victory (νίκη) that has overcome (νικήσασα) the world-- our faith (πίστις). <sup>5</sup> Who is he who overcomes (νικῶν) the world, but he who believes (πιστεύων) that Jesus is the Son of God?

### **8. Victory in the Final Battles by Jesus' Position & Power**

**Rev 17:14** "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome (νικήσει) them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful."

## Summary Observations

- Jesus Has Never Ceased to Be In Control as King of Kings and Lord of Lords
- Jesus Is the Source of Our Victory – He Is the Victor, and Our Victory Comes Through Him (not our Own Efforts)
- Jesus Has Overcome the World – Victory Is Certain – It Is Finished!
- Jesus Allows Suffering Now, But Gives Victory in Suffering (Rev 6:2; 11:7; 13:7)
- Jesus Gives Victory to Live Now through His Own Victory, His Love, His Sovereign Control and Power

1 Chron 29:10-13 (David, near his death, at the offerings gathered for the eventual building of the temple)

<sup>10</sup> Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. <sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, *is* the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all *that is* in heaven and in earth *is Yours*; Yours *is* the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over all. <sup>12</sup> Both riches and honor *come* from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand *is* power and might; In Your hand *it is* to make great And to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup> "Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name.