

July 25, 2021
Romans 3:35-37

VICTORIOUS LIVING

I. Introduction:

Did you watch the Olympic Opening Ceremonies?
Do you have a favorite Olympic Event?

Christian Athletes in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics

II. The Bible Speaks About the Olympics:

35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36] As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37] No, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**" Romans 8:35-37

"more than conquerors" = **hypernikao** (used only to describe Olympic winners) = to gain a surpassing victory.

III. Three Ways That We Are More Than Conquerors: We are more than Conquerors

A. Over _____

It may appear that Satan is winning:

² I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he (*Satan*) who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out **conquering and to conquer.** (Rev. 6:2 - NASB)

⁷ He (*Satan*) was given power to make war against the saints and to **conquer** them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation." Rev. 13:7

But ultimately the victory is Christ's

"They (*meaning the saints*) **overcame** him (*Satan*) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." Rev. 12:11

B. Over _____

¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear^(Z) what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death. Rev. 2:11

⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** I Corinthians 15:54-57

C. Over _____

⁴ for everyone born of God **overcomes** the world. This is the victory that has **overcome** the world, even our faith. ⁵ **Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.**" I John 5:4-5

IV. Conclusion And Application: