

August 14, 2016
Romans 3:35-37

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

I. Introduction:

Have You Been Watching the Olympics?
Do you have a favorite Olympic Event?

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

POINTS TO PONDER MORE THAN CONQUERORS Week of August 14th to 20th Romans 8:28-39

Open It

1. *How do you explain why bad things happen to nice people?

2. What causes people to lose their faith in God?

Explore It

3. *How does God work in all the situations and events of a person's life? (8:28)
4. For whom does God promise to work all things for good? (8:28)
5. Who is our ultimate example? (8:29)
6. How does God seek to change His people? (8:29)
7. What does God want each person to become? (8:29)
8. What has God done to make people what He wants them to be? (8:30)
9. What made Paul confident that God takes care of His people? (8:31-32)
10. *Why should we feel confident that God is not against us or condemning us? (8:31-34)
11. Where is Jesus Christ right now? (8:34)
12. *What possible tragedies or hardships are unable to separate us from the love of Christ? (8:35-39)
13. What kind of persecutions have God's people often faced? (8:36)
14. How are God's people to respond to persecutions and tragedies? (8:37)
15. What gives God's people the ability to respond in triumph to persecution? (8:37)

Get It

16. How can God produce good results out of bad situations?
17. What is God's intention and plan for each Christian?
18. In what practical ways can each of us be like Christ?
19. How can we be sure God really loves us?
20. What can Christians expect God to do for them?
21. How important should the opinions of others be to a Christian?
22. *How can a person be sure that bad times aren't a signal of God's displeasure with him or her?
23. *What gives Christians confidence as they go through hard times?
24. In what situations do you need God's conquering power?
25. How have you experienced God's never-ending love in your life?

Apply It

26. *How can you commit your difficult circumstances to God this week?
27. How can you show trust in God to work out your circumstances for good?