

## Conquerors

1 John 4:1-5

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As followers of Jesus we are on the side guaranteed to be victorious...we are conquerors.

- I. Victory over sin and death
- II. Victory over selfishness
- III. Victory over stubbornness
- IV. Victory over society
- V. Victory over Satan

Being conquerors doesn't mean life here on this old earth is always easy and that we are guaranteed to be healthy and prosperous. It does mean that in the end we will be on the winning side and enjoying life in a New Heaven and New Earth.

### So What?

- When Jesus died on the cross, Satan celebrated his victory over the Son of God.
- When Jesus again rose from the dead, heaven celebrated His victory over Satan.
- When Jesus saves us from our sin, we share His victory over Satan and his system.
- When Jesus says we have victory, we should never act like victory is in jeopardy.

*"...at various times, Christians living changed lives in light of their faith altered the course of civilization."*  
(Unquestioned Answers, Jeff Meyers)

### Closing Thoughts

- This past week has reminded me that life is so very fragile and that nothing is guaranteed to stay the same. A virus we can't even see with the naked eye is bringing confusion, chaos, and crisis to the world.
- Some well meaning souls have taken Old Testament passages out of their context and posted them as guarantees that faithful followers of Jesus will not be infected by the COVID-19 virus.
- This is an opportunity to let our *"light so shine before others, so that they may see [our] good works and give glory to [our] Father who is in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16 ESV)

*"We have the most generous, tough, good people you will find anywhere! We are the Church! Love thy neighbor isn't a quote...it's what we do! We are hurting but we will be okay, together! We are the Church! Watch us America, we will show you how you do this. We will show you what love looks like! We are the Church!"*