THE CHRISTIAN’S VICTORY IN CHRIST OVER THE WORLD
I John 5:4; Rom. 8:37; I Cor. 15:57

INTRODUCTION:

1. Everyone wants to feel that he is getting the most out of life.

2. Men search for a satisfying life in having power, wealth, prestige, self-indulgence, and worldly attainments, only to conclude it is VANITY.

3. The ONLY LIFE that is VICTORIOUS and happy is the life of a Christian.

I. THE VICTORIOUS LIFE.

1. The life of a Christians is not a bleak life of deprivation, merely to be endured in view of future reward, but it is an ABUNDANT and VICTORIOUS life to be enjoyed, even in this world. Acts 8:39; Rom. 14:17

2. The Christian lives the abundant life in Christ. John 10:10

   (1) We walk by faith with God, and God and Christ dwell in our hearts by faith (II Cor. 5:7; Eph. 3:17);

   (2) We know the concern of God for His children (Matt. 6:33; Heb. 13:5 – 6; I Pet. 5:7).

   (3) We have the concern of our brethren.

   (4) Indeed we have abundant life while we live here, and in heaven it will be super-abundant!

3. A life with WINGS. Isa. 40:31

   (1) Following Christ is not a weight, but WINGS.

   (2) It lifts us up and carries us over the rough and hard places, giving us renewed strength. Acts 20:32; I Pet. 2:2; I John 5:3; Heb. 10:24

   (3) Those who obey Christ and walk in His steps have a life with WINGS (Isa. 40:31). Eph. 6:10

4. We can be “More than conquerors in Christ…” Rom. 8:37

   (1) We can have conquest over every obstacle of life. II Cor. 4: 8 – 9

      A. Over sin. Mk. 16: 15 – 16; I John 1:9
B. Over Temptation. I Cor. 10: 13

C. Over Sorrow. II Cor. 1: 3 – 4; Rom. 15:5; Ps. 119: 50; Ps. 147: 3

D. Over Discouragement. Ps. 30: 5

E. Over Doubt.

F. Over Despair. Heb. 13:5

G. Over Persecution. Matt. 5: 11 – 12

H. Over Fear. Heb. 13:6

I. Over Anxiety. Matt. 6: 15

(2) The battle lasts but for a time; the victory lasts ETERNALLY!

(3) Paul had this VICTORIOUS life. II Cor. 4: 8 – 9; II Tim. 4: 6 – 8

II. VICTORY OVER DOUBT.

1. In the absence of faith there is presence of DOUBT.

2. It is sad to see men filled with DOUBT. Heb. 3:12

3. Today’s world is filled with DOUBT.

   (1) Men DOUBT there is a God. Heb. 3:4; Rom. 1:20; Ps. 19: 1 – 4; Acts 14:17

   (2) Men DOUBT there is a Heaven and Hell.

   (3) Men DOUBT the Bible is from God.

   (4) Men DOUBT Christ is the Son of God.

   (5) Men DOUBT the Judgment.

4. The Christian:

   (1) Stands by FAITH. II Cor. 1:24; I Cor. 16:13

   (2) Walks by FAITH. II Cor. 5:7

   (3) Endures by FAITH. Heb. 11: 33
(4) Fights by FAITH. I Tim. 6:12

(5) We overcome the world by FAITH. I John 5:4

III. VICTORY OVER SELF.

1. Jesus said we are to DENY OURSELVES. Lk. 9: 23

2. Peter said we are to add to our faith SELF-CONTROL. II Pet. 1:6

3. SELF-CONTROL is one of the things that makes up the fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5: 23

4. Christians are not to be INCONTINENT. II Tim. 3:3; I Cor. 7:5

5. Passages that call for SELF-CONTROL:

   (1) “Flee fornication” I Cor. 6:18

   (2) “Flee also youthful lusts” II Tim. 2:22

   (3) “Abstain from fleshly lusts” I Pet. 2:11

   (4) “Be ye angry, and sin not” Eph. 4:26

6. SELF-CONTROL is a personal responsibility. I Cor. 9:27

IV. VICTORY OVER SIN.

1. ALL men have the problem of SIN to deal with. Rom. 3: 9 – 10; 3:23; I John 1: 8

2. Let us consider some things which can NEVER REMOVE the guilt of SIN.

   (1) The passing of time.

   (2) Denying that SIN exists.

   (3) We cannot forgive ourselves – forgiveness takes place in the mind of God. Isa. 55:7

   (4) SIN is not removed by obedience to the Law of Moses. Heb. 10:1; Gal. 2:16

   (5) Just living a good moral life, with good works, will NOT remove SIN. Acts 10
3. VICTORY OVER SIN is possible only through the blood of Christ. Eph. 1:7; Rom. 6: 3 – 4

V. VICTORY OVER THE WORLD.

1. “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith…” I John. 5:4

2. The VICTORY involves many things:
   
   (1) CONQUEST over Sinful Pleasures. Heb. 11: 25; Gen. 39:9

   (2) CONQUEST over the Cares of the World. Mk. 4:19; Matt. 13:22

   (3) CONQUEST over Material Possessions. Lk. 12: 15; I Tim. 6: 9 – 10; 6: 17 – 19

VI. VICTORY OVER DEATH.

1. I Cor. 15: 50 – 57

2. II Tim. 1:10

3. John 5: 28 – 29

4. Matt. 25: 34, 46

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you living the VICTORIOUS life in Christ?

2. If not, won’t you obey the gospel now?