

Unstoppable pt7 – Victors With Christ

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[Rom 8:35-39 NASB95] 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- One of the effects of the resurrection of Jesus is that His victory over Satan also makes believers UNSTOPPABLE.
- "Christus Victor" view, which is Latin for "Christ the Victor", characterizes much of the language of the New Testament, and early church fathers like Irenaeus bring out the themes of the victory of God in Christ over the evil powers of the world, mainly Satan.
- Although victory is a reality, it is often not how believers see themselves. This lack of belief in victory has stopped many believers from becoming what God has called them to become.
- As we learn to see ourselves as victors, we will become unstoppable.

How do we see ourselves as victors?

There are four clues in this verse that will help become unstoppable victors.

I. "These things" happen.

- These people were getting pummeled.
- How can this be? There is an enemy in this world.
- Bible is very honest about our situation. [Jhn 16:33 NASB95] 33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

II. God has empowered you to win big.

- Sheep led to the slaughter don't look like winners.
- We must develop a mindset that is beyond sight.
- Not focus on the struggle but the victory - songs (praise you in this storm)
- Go further - [Psa 91:15 NASB95] 15 "He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him."

III. It's through Him.

- Not through might, persuasion, or government
- Clothe yourself with Christ (Anointed One and His Anointing). [Gal 3:26-28 NASB95] 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- [Zec 4:6 NASB95] 6 Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts."

IV. Power of Love

- We are tempted to wonder if He loved me, how? why?
- You have got to know He loves you. [Eph 3:17-19 NASB95] 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; [and] that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

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19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

- In these things...we are...it's not after.
- Right now, you are already the victor.
- This must become our confession.
- Inside vision before outside victory