

The Bible defines a person who is victorious as an OVERCOMER.

In 1 John 5:4 the concept "overcomer" speaks of having done, or already completed, not going to do as in the future. *Why is the concept of overcoming as "already completed" so significant to the life of a believer?*

To overcome, you must see or perceive yourself in the following light; pick a few verses for each statement below (I have outlined some in black) and discuss them. You may want to read the remaining verses at home this week in your quiet time.

1. I am an "overcomer" - **1 John 5:4**; 2 Corinthians 2:14; 1 Corinthians 15:57-58;
Romans 8:37.

What is the significance of the words 'I am'?

2. I was designed to reign and rule - **Romans 5:17**; 2 Corinthians 1:20.

What does it mean for believers to reign now on this earth?

3. I'm born of love and it never fails - **1 Corinthians 13:8**
Love paralyzes all the powers of darkness - **1 John 4:18ff.***

4. No test/trial/temptation/examination can overcome me - 1 Corinthians 10:13;
Psalms 34:19; **1 Peter 4:12ff.**

No weapon fashioned against me shall prosper - **Isaiah 54:17**; Psalm 125:3;
Numbers 23:23.

5. God's power is able to hold me up - **Isaiah 40:1-5**; 41:10, 43:1-3, 19; **Joel 2:24ff.**
He is able to keep me from falling - **Jude 1:24.**

6. I am programmed to win - **1 John 2:20 & 27, 5:14**; Romans 5:17.
I have the nature of God - **Ephesians 2:10**; 4:23ff.

7. I am part of the Body of Christ - **1 Corinthians 10:14-16**; Ephesians 1:16ff.
I am the temple of God / Jesus' body is God's temple
God will never allow His temple/Jesus' body to be defiled - **1 Corinthians 3:16-17.**
I am not alone; other believers are on my side - **1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 26-27.**

8. No believer is my enemy, no matter what they say or do - **Romans 12:3-5;**
Ephesians 4:25.

***ff.** means read some verses beyond the verse given e.g. 1 John 4:18ff means read verse 18 and 19 and maybe more to get the meaning

** This study has been adapted from material by Dr. David Ibeleme*

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

1. Pray for lives to be changed as we worship together this Sunday.
2. Pray for the Teen backpacks for Big brothers big sisters to convey the love of Christ to these young people, as well as the families who need our compassion.
3. Praise God for the Capital campaign gifts that keep coming in. More are needed so we can be as debt free as possible.
4. Begin to pray for the people who will walk through the doors of the new church, that they would sense the presence of the Lord and that they would come to know Jesus.
5. Pray for God's favour to rest on our CHRISTMAS OFFERING (received Sunday Dec. 20th)

INFORMATION

The Christmas Gala is Sunday Morning Dec 13. 10 a.m.

Living Nativity opens Dec 20 -24th 7:30 each night

No Christmas day service this year, there will be a service on Sunday Dec. 27th at Fraser.

Moving into the new building will be sometime in mid to late January, Lord willing!