

Greetings:

The study that Pastor Pat brings on Sunday mornings reflects the study for that week. It represents a lot of research. Not all of what he has prepared is communicated. In an attempt to continue the learning process, he is making available his study notes to the congregation.

These notes are edited, but not “book” ready. To the critical eye, mistakes can possibly be found. Therefore, he asks that you take the material with humility, teach-ability, and charity.

Enjoy and if you should have any questions or corrections, please do not hesitate to email him at [pastorpat@waukeshabile.org](mailto:pastorpat@waukeshabile.org).

**Date:**                **March 19, 2023**

**Sermon Title:**    **“The Christian and the Victorious Life”**

Sermon Series:    The Immeasurable Riches of Christ

Text:                 Romans 8:31-39; Misc.

Author:              Patrick J. Griffiths ©2023





Date: March 19, 2023  
Title: The Christian and the Victorious Life<sup>1</sup>  
Text: Romans 8:31-39  
Theme: In this study, we desire to note how the victory of Jesus in His Life, Death, Burial, Resurrection, and Ascension is imputed to His people, thus causing **His Victory to be their Victory**.



Pastor Pat's Picks for THINK | MEDITATE | TALK  
Feel free to post his 'picks' on your Facebook page

### OUR PURPOSE FOR THE STUDY.

The **singular person** defining Christianity is Jesus the Christ. The **singular purpose** defining the Christ is His redemptive act as the voluntary, substitutionary, once-for-all sacrifice in behalf of His people. The **singular symbol** defining the Christ and Christianity is the cross.

If that statement is indeed true, then we would do well to sound out THE IMMEASURABLE RICHES OF HIS CHRIST. The Apostle Paul states this truth in Ephesians 3.

Ephesians 3:6-10

<sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, **this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,** <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

It is to this task, we have been called. And for the last six weeks we have singularly explored and concentrated on THE IMMEASURABLE RICHES OF HIS CHRIST.

### Introduction:

Last week, we began with an extensive quote representing a false idea concerning Christian chastisement and Hebrews 12. The quote was culled from the first listing when researched online. This week, I offer you a quote representing a false idea concerning the victorious life. And it, like last week's quote, is the first one listed online.

[Begin Quote]

"Living a victorious Christian life should be the desire of every true, born again, believer. The word of God gives one clear instruction on **how this is to be accomplished**. In the New Testament book of Hebrews 11:6 the Lord declares: 'But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.' Keeping that verse in mind, **one can examine six principles** that would be instrumental **in attaining victory** in one's Christian life. Attaining victory in one's Christian life

can be one of the greatest joys of serving the true and living God. **When Christians reach the pinnacle of faith, they experience all that God has intended.**"<sup>2</sup>

[End Quote]

The six principles noted in the article are all things **you do**. And if **you do** the six principles, then, and only then, shall you experience all that God has intended. The burden of achievement rests **on you**. It is something **you do** and **you achieve**.

Without "cherry picking," the common thread when discussing the victorious life is something **you do to access or achieve victory over a knowable foe**. Consider the following short statement, "The victorious Christian life is the life that is lived, by faith, **in a moment-by-moment surrender to God.**"

The idea that you can personally monitor "a moment-by-moment surrender to God" is silly. The individual attempting this would be a nervous wreck.



The idea that as a New Testament Christian we need to be or can be more than we are before the Father is sacrilegious.



The idea that our material wealth and personal or social happiness is a direct reflection of our spirituality is profane and a biblical abomination. All of this is a misuse of the Law of Moses and nothing but the product of spiritual charlatans who seek to make material gain and personal power over people by the distortion of the Bible and the preaching of a false gospel.



The Bible does not nor has it ever promised us our best life now. It is a tragic symbiosis between marketing and ministry. Like ancient Israel, the church has committed spiritual adultery by pursuing fleshly appetites. Please hear me. **Be all you can be**, but don't confuse that with biblical teaching. Try harder to be a better child, parent, spouse, employee, employer, athlete, farmer, etc., but don't confuse that with the Bible's storyline. You can do all of it as a Christian, but don't confuse that with Christianity.

In many ways, this ties into Martin Luther's contrast between a Theology of the Cross versus a Theology of Glory in his **Heidelberg Disputations**.<sup>3</sup>

"The 'theologians of glory,' therefore, are those who build their theology in the light of what they expect God to be like – and, surprise, they make God to look something like themselves [It is popular, powerful, and prosperous. It has station and status]. The 'theologians of the cross,' however, are those who build their theology in the light of God's own revelation of himself in Christ hanging on the cross."<sup>4</sup>

## WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

- **First**, if we do not see ourselves as already in and living the victorious Christian life, we will be like children on a merry-go-round always trying to grab the golden ring.
- **Second**, if we do not see ourselves as already in and living the victorious Christian life, we will be unsettled and believe there is something more to this Christian life. Such thinking leads to a disillusion that leads to a disappointment that births doubt, unbelief, and abandonment.
- **Third**, if we understand the Christian life begins with Matthew 16:24-26, we will be less inclined to shape or merge our understanding of American opportunity and biblical Christianity.
  - Matthew 16:24-26  
<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples, "**If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.**" <sup>25</sup> "For whoever wishes to **save his life will lose it**; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> "**For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?**"



As much as I am an American, love America, and believe in her constitution, the American experience is antithetical to the gospel. The idea that we can become whatever we want simply by applying ourselves is great, but it isn't the gospel. Those two are not the same. Take advantage of the one even as you live the other.



For those who live hard lives, Christianity does deliver, the gospel is true, and Jesus is with you until He returns, and then you shall physically enjoy His presence forever.

## OUR GOAL

The desire of this study is to reshape how we view the Christian life. We want the 'high' brought about by weekend seminars, Christian concerts, and well-written novels, but the Christian life is more of the 'routine and mundane' bits and pieces of daily living.

Rather than good Bible study and good theology governing and guiding, we often allow our experience and emotion to lead and control.

## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

If what we have studied about our union in Christ and our new identity, and the new way of the Spirit and the once-for-all voluntary substitutionary sacrificial death that justifies, redeems sinners, and meets the justice of God and placates the wrath of God are true, then everything changes.



The implications of positional truth are far reaching. It is the truth that makes us free (John 8:31-32). **The Word of God is the active agent that Christ uses in delivering us from our bondage to whatever enslaves us** (John 8:36). This is the mission of Christ (Gal. 5:1).

John 8:31, 32

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and **the truth will set you free.**"

"The translation 'set you free' or 'release you' conveys more the idea that the hearers were currently in a state of slavery from which they needed to be freed. In the context of John's Gospel this must refer to *truth* about the person and work of Jesus. It is saving truth."<sup>5</sup>

John 8:34-36

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.

<sup>36</sup> **So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.**"

Galatians 5:1

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Those who believe the gospel are in Christ and walking in the New Way of the Spirit and are free. And, **this freedom is not defined by the comfortable life, but by the cross life.**

Our intent is to note how the victory of Jesus in His Life, Death, Burial, Resurrection, and Ascension is imputed to His people, thus causing **His Victory to be their Victory.**

## OUTLINE

### I. **Jesus Christ is Victorious.**

John 16:32, 33

<sup>32</sup> "Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.

<sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. **But take heart; I have overcome the world.**"

Notice the context of this verse.

- The devil enters into Judas (John 13:1-4)
- The disciples are going to betray Him (John 13:21-27)
- Peter's denial is announced (John 13:36-38)

The tone is ominous. He reiterates this darkness in 16:32 and then gives us verse 33.

Notice where our peace is to be found? It is found **in Him**. He promises us conflict, heartache, failure, tribulation, persecution, and depression, but then He adds, BUT.

- ἄλλά 1) but 1a) **nevertheless, notwithstanding** 1b) an objection 1c) an exception 1d) a restriction 1e) nay, rather, yea, moreover 1f) **forms a transition to the cardinal matter**.<sup>6</sup>
- But is a **coordinating conjunction used to connect ideas that contrast**.<sup>7</sup>

The cardinal matter is JESUS HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD! He, Himself, contrasts with the dark and foreboding circumstances of betrayal, denial, and death.

The placement of this declaration is stunning. The final word to His disciples closes on the triumphant note, "I HAVE CONQUERED THE WORLD."

The "but" says, "Though all this is true, TAKE COURAGE! Despite the enormity of the burden you are confronted with, BE OF GOOD CHEER!" In every one of its occurrences the backdrop against which this exhortation is laid is dark and foreboding (Matt. 9:2, 22; 14:27; Mark 6:50; 10:49; Luke 8:48; John 16:33; Acts 23:11).

- Matt. 9:2 And behold, some people brought to him a **paralytic**, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "**Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.**"
- Matt. 14:27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "**Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.**"
- Mark 6:50 **for they all saw him and were terrified**. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "**Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.**"
- Mark 10:49 And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." **And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you."**
- Luke 8:48 And he said to her, "**Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.**" [See also Matthew 9:22; the 'peace' contrasts with the 'turmoil']
- Acts 23:11 The following night **the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome."**

But why are we to take courage and be of good cheer in the midst of our crushing circumstances? Friend, the exhortation to take heart is not based on how we feel, but on who He is for us and who we are in Him. **Take courage. Why? Because we have overcome the world! CHRIST IS VICTORIOUS!**

Overcome is a **perfect active indicative**. The perfect speaks of an action that is completed, but the results of it continue to this day. All that needs to be done has been done. He is reigning. He is victorious. The expression of that reign in time will be fuller, but not the quality of it.

One of our tensions is what this victory looks like right now? We always want to be something we are not or somewhere other than here, but God's victory looks like this right where you are.

The fullest experience of this victory happens at His coming, but this should not diminish the hope we have right now.

The second thought of this victory is in our union with Him.

## II. By our union with Him all that He is, is ours by right.

This is perhaps one of the hardest truths to embrace and realize. We have touched on this idea several times over the last six weeks.

Galatians 2:20

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but **Christ who lives in me**. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Colossians 3:3, 4

<sup>3</sup> For you have died, and **your life is hidden with Christ in God**. <sup>4</sup> **When Christ who is your life** appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



The believer does not have two lives: His life and our life. No, His life is our life. This is not an arrogant statement. It is a true statement. We make no boast in ourselves of being able to secure all that is now ours. We did not do it; He did. We simply believe that what He has done and is doing is enough. Now, because this is true His victory is our victory.

The apostle John assures his audience of this in 1 John 4:13-18.

- 1 John 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup> This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> **If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.** <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> **This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.** <sup>18</sup> **There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.**

Because His life, His victory has been transferred to us, we are victorious. Because of this imputation, this transfer, we have no fear in the Day of Judgment. The perfect love of God drives from us this fear of judgment, because as He is, so are we in this world.

We conclude with this final point.



### III. Thus, His victory is our victory.

There is no victory apart from His victory.

“By the resurrection, God proclaimed His Son Victor over the whole realm of darkness, and the ground Christ won He has given to us.... For our part we need not struggle to occupy ground that is already ours. In Christ we are conquerors. In Him, therefore we stand. **Thus, today we do not fight for victory; we fight from victory. We do not fight in order to win but because in Christ we have already won.** Overcomers are those who rest in the victory already given to them by their God.”<sup>8</sup>

Consider the context of Romans 8:37. This chapter is one of tremendous victory. Notice verse 37 and its context found in verses 31-36.

- Romans 8:31-37

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, **in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.** <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

What is the tone? After reading verses 31 through 36 how does verse 37 begin? “**Despite**” these things, **we overwhelmingly conquer.** How? “Through Him who loved us.”

The word “overwhelmingly conquer” **Hupernikao** is a compound word. The primary word is **nike** with the prefix, **huper**. It means, “To vanquish beyond, i.e. gain a decisive victory: --more than conquer.”<sup>9</sup>

Verses 38 and 39 tell us how we can “be” this despite our emotional fallout and circumstantial hell-hole. We conquer by knowing this: “**No matter what, nothing can separate us from the love of God.**” He loves us, not because of our performance, but because of our position.

It is interesting that God's Word never tells us to live any kind of “Christian life.” If you asked Christians to describe a “victorious” Christian, would their list look like 2 Corinthians 11:25-28?

- 2 Corinthians 11:25-28  
<sup>25</sup>Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; <sup>26</sup>on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; <sup>27</sup>in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. <sup>28</sup>And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. <sup>29</sup>Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

How about "despairing even of life?" (2 Cor. 1:8, 9) Would that make the top ten things victorious Christians do?

- 2 Corinthians 1:8, 9  
<sup>8</sup>For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. **For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.** <sup>9</sup>Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. <sup>10</sup>**He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us.** On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. <sup>11</sup>You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

How about 2 Corinthians 4:8-10?

- <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup>**We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;** <sup>9</sup>**persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;** <sup>10</sup>**always carrying in the body the death of Jesus,** so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

What about our dear brothers and sisters in Hebrews 11:35-38?

- <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated — <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy — wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

We have victory because Jesus Christ **IS** our victory. He will have the victory. The life of faith in Jesus is the victorious life regardless of the persecution we endure in this life. He is our **HOPE**, our **HEALING**, and our **WHOLENESS**.

## CONCLUSION

Those who know tell us, "There's a whopping \$49 billion in unclaimed funds waiting to be claimed. And more than \$3 billion in unclaimed money is returned to its owners by the states each year. It's estimated that about one in 10 people have unclaimed cash."<sup>10</sup>

"Are you the one unknown account holder who is due \$8 million from an estate? Or like the New York resident who recovered \$4 million in 2008 from a dormant brokerage account. In 2012, a Connecticut resident claimed \$32.8 million, proceeds from the sale of nearly 1.3 million shares of stock."<sup>11</sup>

If you've never checked to see if you have any unclaimed money with your name on it, [there is a way] how you can search for a potential hidden windfall."<sup>12</sup>

THE IMMEASURABLE RICHES OF HIS GRACE are the most unclaimed funds every existing. Those riches lie dormant, often overlooked, and untapped. How can we take advantage of this hidden windfall?

There are two competing ideas present in our study. The question is, "Who gets to define what success looks like in the horizontal? Do we or does God?" The one is man-centered and the other is God-centered.

**THE MAN-CENTERED APPROACH TO SUCCESS SAYS**, "Success is understanding that you control your destiny. Your destiny is controlled by you and you alone. Take responsibility for your actions and their consequences and you'll find that you naturally become more successful."<sup>13</sup>

"Triumphalist Christianity boasts in its numbers, its power, its wealth, its buildings, its outward success. It leans on the arm of flesh. It preaches an ear-tickling, crowd-pleasing message. It gains celebrity status in the eyes of the world. [Throughout evangelicalism], a distorted form of the gospel is spreading rapidly. But it is a mixed gospel at best and a false gospel at worst. It is a gospel of success, a gospel of prosperity, a gospel of self-exaltation, a gospel of empowerment."<sup>14</sup>

**THE GOD-CENTERED APPROACH TO SUCCESS SAYS**,

- "The Lord gave it and the Lord took it away, blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21).
- "What you meant for evil, God is meaning for good" (Gen. 50:20).
- "Father, if it is your will, let this cup pass, nevertheless, not my will but your will be done (Matthew 26:39).
- "To be content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Cor. 12:7-12).
- "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).
- "To deny yourself, and take up his cross and follow Him" (Matt. 16:24).

- “To consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”
  - Philippians 3:7-9
 

<sup>7</sup>But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.
- “It is regarding disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of [Egypt | America | China].”
  - Hebrews 11:26 He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

The victorious life is the life lived by grace alone through faith alone in and from Christ alone. It is the CHRIST LIFE. Today, let us lean into the victory of Christ. Let us rest in this immeasurable windfall.

### **WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

- FIRST, as we slowly build out the gospel, we must see how the gospel defines us, not our distorted perception of the world’s definition of success. You and I need to repent of merging modern marketing with biblical Christianity.
- SECOND, what struck you the most from today’s study? Think about it, then talk to someone. Learn to share truth openly and without restraint. Put it on your media feeds. Many talk a good story about discipleship, mentoring, evangelism and church growth, but when asked to do the smallest thing, balk at its inconvenience. See what happens when you begin posting Pastor Pat’s Picks from the study. You and I need to become more vocal and visible as to the gospel. Let us make the gospel look like the biblical servanthood.
- THIRD, you need to pause and ask yourself how the cross has shaped your thinking, your doing, and your talking. If you are wrong in your talking or thinking, then change... Do not confuse the horizontal with the vertical. In the horizontal there is change. In the vertical, there is no change.

FOR EXAMPLE, our tendency is to look around and see people who seem to have a better life than we do. They make more money, take more trips, and have a loving spouse and all of their 2.5 children seem to obey without struggle and challenge. Their Facebook pictures are glossy and sparkly. They always appear to say the right thing, do the right thing, and their quiet time with God always appears to be abundant and rich. They never appear to have any problems and when they’re given lemons they make rich margaritas! We begin to ask ourselves, “Is that the victorious Christian life?” Friend, don’t confuse the horizontal with the vertical.

First, what you see isn't the entire picture. There is a lot of "stuff" under the water line.



Second, **the plasticity of the horizontal does not define the reality of the vertical.** Regardless of how they appear to be doing, don't compare yourself against them. Comparison kills contentment.



Finally, the victorious Christian life isn't defined by what you have, but by who you are and it is JESUS ONLY who gives you the victorious Christian life. You can chase the golden ring, but do not define the victorious Christian life by that golden ring. In the metaphorical descriptions of your future life with Christ, you shall wear the victor's crown and walk the streets of gold.

Learn to rest in what is known to be true. Let us not allow our experiences to shape our theology. We must interpret our experiences by our theology. We must see ourselves in Him and claim His victory. Rest knowing His will is our life.

When we give Him all we are, which is nothing, He gives us all He is - everything. That is called the exchanged life. He paid a debt He did not owe, for us who owed a debt we could not pay.<sup>15</sup>

**"God hasn't called Christians to triumph in *this* life, but in the life to come.** Christ calls his people not to exercise dominion over others, but to serve them (Mark 10:42-45). Rather than seeking and anticipating success in this world, Christians should ready themselves for suffering and persecution: the Christian life is one of self-denial and cross-bearing (Matt. 16:24-26). While Christians may enjoy citizenship in earthly communities, their most precious identity is citizenship in heaven (Phil. 3:20). They're sojourners and exiles in their political societies (1 Pet. 2:11), for their true home is elsewhere. Triumphalism forgets that Jesus's kingdom is not of this world and thus that Christians are in this world but not of it (John 17:14; 18:36). Christ has established his church not to mobilize believers for political action but to exercise the keys of his heavenly kingdom (Matt. 16:18-19)."<sup>16</sup>

Remember, Jesus Christ is enough in this life AND in the life to come.

---

<sup>1</sup> There are several good articles on this subject. The resources listed are for educational purposes only. The use of the article does not require the distributor to agree on its content. It is only made available to educate the recipient. Should you have any questions as to its content, please feel free to ask the distributor.

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/neither-quietism-triumphalism/>

<https://www.samstorms.org/all-articles/post/the-dangers-of--triumphalism---2-cor--2:14->

<https://stream.org/the-end-of-triumphalist-christianity/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/os-xpm-1993-02-05-9302050254-story.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://bookofconcord.org/other-resources/sources-and-context/heidelberg-disputation/>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.opc.org/new\\_horizons/NH05/10b.html](https://www.opc.org/new_horizons/NH05/10b.html)

<sup>5</sup> <https://netbible.org/bible/John+8>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.greekbible.com/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/but>

<sup>8</sup> Watchman Nee, *Sit, Walk, Stand*, pp. 40-42

<sup>9</sup> Strong's Concordance.

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/personal-finance/there-are-billions-of-dollars-in-unclaimed-money-heres-how-you-can-claim-yours/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.pressconnects.com/story/money/consumer-outlook/2017/11/02/funds-state-ny-database-unclaimed/817293001/>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/personal-finance/there-are-billions-of-dollars-in-unclaimed-money-heres-how-you-can-claim-yours/>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.lifehack.org/articles/communication/the-new-definitions-success.html> The article offered 19 thoughts. This was number 19. All of them are designed to push the individual to "success."

<sup>14</sup> <https://stream.org/the-end-of-triumphalist-christianity/>

<sup>15</sup> George, *Faith that Pleases God*, 214.

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/neither-quietism-triumphalism/>