

Sermon Notes from Pastor Cornelius Schelling 5-17-09

Can We Always Win?

2 Corinthians 2:14 KJV Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

Can any group of people on the earth always win? Can a single person always win in every test, trial or attack of the enemy? Can we win over all the powers of the world - government, enemies, sickness, disease, fear, the lust of the flesh? Yes we can!

Does the world ever win? No, if they gained the whole world and lost their soul they have gained nothing.

Do Christians always win? No, but can they?

Do Christians who go to church always win? No, but can they?

Does the church (all the people) always win? No, but can they?

Do Christians who are truly born again who walk in love and live by faith always win? Yes!

Some times you hear people say it's hard to live in this old world and they are absolutely right The world is hard because the devil is the god of this world. II Cor 4:4

Have you ever heard someone say were living in hell on the earth and they are absolutely right if their not in Christ but what ever hell your going through is nothing compared to what your going to be in if you don't change your ways and come to Christ. Compared to hell these days on earth will be the best days you will ever have.

John 18:36 Jesus said "My kingdom is not of this world:".

In John 8:23 "Jesus said unto them, ye are from beneath; I am from above; ye are of this world; I am not of this world."

2 Corinthians 2:14 KJV "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place."

Triumph = To conquer, to give victory, at all times, ever more.

Manifest - To render apparent, shew forth.

Savor = Fragrance

Christ = Anointed, the Messiah

Knowledge = Knowing

By us = That's us.

In every place = No matter where we are or where we go.

2 Peter 1:1-4 KJV "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: (2) Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, (3) According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

John 14:21 If we will love Him and keep His commandments we will be loved by Him and He will manifest Himself to us another translation says He will make Himself real to us.

I Cor 10:13 The devil will tell you that what ever is happening is greater than you are, greater than your faith but he is a liar.

This verse is telling us that no matter what happens or what ever we get ourselves into or what comes our way, we have a Word from God that He is faithful and He will make a way of escape so you can remove yourself from the world or that situation.

Faith will look for the way of escape - unbelief won't even look for it.

Let's say there are people in a room and in that room there are exit signs and there is a fire. The first thing you will need to look for are the exit signs and once you found them you could cry out to God all day long and all night long and beg God to deliver you from the fire and nothing would happen and you would be lost in the fire.

A lot of people do this same thing by saying "I'm just trusting God to deliver me" - and that's good, but just trusting God alone won't deliver you from your circumstances. And some say "Well, I'm just going to leave it in God's hands and He will take care of me" but if your not in faith and acting on the word you can trust God all you want and never be delivered.

1 John 5:4-5 KJV For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith. (5) Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

When you come to Christ you are born again and you are set free from this world. Romans 10: 9-10,13
II Cor 5:17

II Cor 4:4 Satan who is the god of this world. Col 1:13

But you still live in this world and it is your faith in Christ that keeps you free from the world.

Gal 3:12b The just shall live by faith. Heb 11:1,6

Gal 5:16 Tells us if you will walk after the Spirit or the ways of God you will not do the lust of the flesh.

James 1:22 When we do something God can do something.

God never delivered the children of Israel until they obeyed the word spoken that was spoken to them and then they went into the promised land.

God never delivered the children of Israel until they said "NO" to Pharaoh even though it was the will of God for them to be delivered.

When they stood before the Red Sea and Pharaoh's army was behind them, they were trapped and thought they were going to die: But, Moses looked to God and God spoke to him and there was a way of escape.

What about the man who was paralyzed and they took him to where Jesus was and they looked all around the house and there was no way to get in. They could have said "We must have missed God, so it must not be God's will for you to be healed. It must not have heard from God it must have not been God."

But what did they do? They looked up and saw the roof and that was their answer.

Just because something didn't work out the first time doesn't mean it wasn't the will of God. Just keep looking for a way and see what the Lord has for you.

The Bible tells us there is a way. The Bible says that Jesus is the way.

Don't listen to the devil and don't let him tell you that you can't get out from where you are. He is a liar.

This verse also tells us that God will meet you where you are in life and He is faithful to give you a way of escape.

Hebrews 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the author (beginner, chief leader) and finisher (completeness-perfection) of faith.

When you do what you know to do, pray the prayer of faith, speak to the mountain, worship the most high God, love Him with all your heart, He will be the perfection of your faith and Christ the anointed one of God will cause you to always triumph in Him.

The devil will tell you that if you pray more, studied more, if you hadn't lived the life you had, you might be ready, but you're not. You don't have enough faith, you don't love the Father enough, don't listen to the devil!!

Ps. 107: Even if you are in trouble because you messed up your life you can't blame it on the devil because you choose to be the way you are.

Vs. 11 They rebelled against the words of God. They despised the counsel of the most High and in Vs. 17 it says "Fools because of their transgressions and because of their iniquities are afflicted".

Why are they afflicted? Because of what they did and they were near death.

But what does it say in Vs. 19 - "Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble and He saved them out of their distresses". Thank God we can do the same thing.

These people, who despised the counsel of God, were afflicted and were near death and they cried out to the Lord and He sent His Word and healed them and delivered them from their destruction.

What's God's answer to your mess, your rebellion, your trouble, your affliction? Cry out to Jesus and He will forgive you, deliver you, heal you and set you free from all torment and all affliction.

I Thess. 2:18 It said the Paul was hindered from coming to them - but he did get there.

Sometimes the enemy will hinder you throwing obstacles in your way. But, don't give up, don't quit, gird up your loins, keep your shield of faith out there, keep pressing towards the mark for we always triumph in Christ.

1 John 4:4 KJV Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Romans 8:31-32 KJV What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? (32) He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:35-39 KJV Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (36) As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. (37) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. (38) For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, (39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

No matter what takes place in life and in this world, we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Romans 10:13 KJV For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Colossians 1:13 KJV Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Philippians 3:14 KJV I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 10:35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.

Hebrews 11:1 KJV Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:6 KJV 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.

We always triumph in Christ!