

Living as an overcomer

Sunday April 28, 2018

Announce

Wednesday series

- From **Phili 4:11 (ESV)* (11) Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.*
- Learning how to be content

Missions pledges

- Not taken much time on this - prayerfully consider pledging monthly/weekly support
- Increasing it

Newsletters/calendars

- May calendar on the table

Introduction

- **Show opening slide** - marines training on climbing cliffs. Decked out in his military gear
- Last week preached resurrection
- What does it mean that Jesus is alive? Today I want to continue with that question
- **Show second slide** Because He lives...
- **Show third slide** We are more than conquerors
- From a very familiar verse - Romans 8:37
- Take a bible, open it to Romans 8, and let me remind you of this truth
- Especially in light of the fact that we are still battling

No

- Paul is building to a powerful point
- Asks a series of questions
- This *No* is in response to the question posed in **Rom 8:35 (ESV)* (35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?*
- Bigger argument - what does it mean that Jesus rose from the dead...
- More later

In all these things

- See again v35
- See v36 - **Rom 8:36 (ESV)* (36) As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."*
- Killed all day long
- See the subjection of the creation to sin - **Rom 8:18-22 (ESV)* (18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (19) For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. (20) For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope (21) that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. (22) For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.*
- See **Rom 8:38-39 (ESV)* (38) For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, (39) 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.*
- **Note:** Marine - in battle gear. We need to remember we are engaged in a battle - and better head out armored up!

We are more than conquerors

Conqueror

- Overcomer
- Victor / winner
- **More than** hyper conqueror
- Our victory isn't just eked out - but it's a blowout

Statement / declaration

- **Note** see the tense. Present. Today
- This is a declaration - a statement
- Not a hopeful prediction
 - See NCAA bracket - talk about Grace watching basketball
 - See Photo from Dennis
- This is a statement of fact - regardless of the circumstances

Through him

- This is the point of the message - Because Jesus lives - he has the power to enable us to be more than conquerors
- I want to share some things to consider this morning - because He lives... we can be more than conquerors
- Living as a "hyper-conqueror"

Living as a "hyper-conqueror"

Remember you are loved by God

- Point of Calvary
- See **Rom 5:8 (ESV)* (8) but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
- See **Rom 8:31-32 (ESV)* (31) What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? (32) 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?*
 - We know He is for us - because He gave Jesus
- Nothing can separate us from this!

Remember you have been forgiven

- From that love came Jesus
- All of my sins have been forgiven
- See **Rom 8:1-4 (ESV)* (1) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (2) For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. (3) For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, (4) in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*
 - God condemned sin in the flesh - executing judgment on Jesus
 - The law's requirements are satisfied
- See **Rom 8:29-30 (ESV)* (29) For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (30) And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*
 - He's chosen us to be like Jesus
 - We have been called and justified and will be glorified!
 - It's God's plan to save us!

Remember you will inherit with Christ

- Because He lives, we will live
- Jesus' Spirit in us
- See **Rom 8:9-11 (ESV)* (9) You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. (10) But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (11) If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*
- **Rom 8:16-17 (ESV)* (16) The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (17) and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*
- Note conditional - if you suffer with Him

Remember God is working for your good

- See **Rom 8:28 (ESV)* (28) And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

Rely on the Spirit's help

Tie...

- Jesus died and rose again
- In so doing, he's provided His Spirit to be in us.

Be born again as Sons

- See again **Rom 8:9 (ESV)* (9) You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.*

In prayer

- See **Rom 8:26-27 (ESV)* (26) Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. (27) And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

In putting to death the flesh

- See **Rom 8:5-8 (ESV)* (5) For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. (6) For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. (7) For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. (8) Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*
- **Rom 8:12-13 (ESV)* (12) So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live*

according to the flesh. (13) For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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