



# “We are Triumphant In Christ!”

## 2 Corinthians Chapter 2

> Let us be TRIUMPHANT CHRISTIANS IN THREE WAYS:

> TRIUMPH #1 - (v1-4) LET US TRIUMPH IN FELLOWSHIP!

- In Truth! (v1-2)
- In Joy! (v3)
- In Love! (v4)

> TRIUMPH #2 - (v5-11) LET US TRIUMPH IN FORGIVENESS!

(v5-7) *Forgive and comfort* (The one who sinned is found in 1 Corinthians 5:1-8)

- The process of forgiveness and comfort:

- (1) When the sinner RECOGNIZES their sin;
- (2) then CONFESSES their sin;
- (3) and REPENTS of their sin.

(v8-9) Affirm your love thru RESTORATION - Galatians 6:1-10 - *Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load. Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

**(10-11) Beware of Satan's eight devices:**

**#1 - Satan tempts to disobedience!**

*- Genesis 3:4-5 - Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

**#2- Satan wants saints to slander God!**

*- Job 1:9-11 - So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"*

**#3 - Satan removes the good seed!**

*- Matthew 13:19 - When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.*

**#4 - Satan sows tares among the wheat!**

*- Matthew 13:38-39 - The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.*

**#5 - Satan promotes lying, lusts and murder!**

*- John 8:44-45 - You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.*

**#6 - Satan produces false miracles!**

*2 Thessalonians 2:9 - The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

**#7 - Satan inflames unrelenting anger!**

*- Ephesians 4:26-27 - "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.*

**#8 - Satan wants us to be unforgiving!**

- 2 Corinthians 2:5-11 - *But if anyone has caused grief, he has not grieved me, but all of you to some extent — not to be too severe. This punishment which was inflicted by the majority is sufficient for such a man, so that, on the contrary, you ought rather to forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow. Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him. For to this end I also wrote, that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things. Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

> **TRIUMPH #3 - (v12-17) LET US TRIUMPH IN CHRIST ALWAYS!**

- **TRIUMPH in CHRIST!** – Hebrews 2:14-16 - *Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

- Colossians 2:15 - *Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

- **Live in triumph!** We do not fight for victory; we fight from victory!”

- **Be STRONG!** - Ephesians 6:10-11 - *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

- **SUBMIT unto God** - James 4:7-8 - *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*

- **Be STEADFAST in the faith** - 1 Peter 5:8-11 - **Be sober, be vigilant;** *because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

(v17) *peddling the word of God* – (Gk. – *kapeleuo*) primarily signifies "to hucksterize." In other words, they are rip-offs! Greedy frauds!

**Conclusion: *"If God be for us, who can be against us? ... Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us"* (Romans 8:31,37).**