

TRIUMPHANT

Church, divine victory or true triumph comes from God's power not human strength

The church is triumphant and we share in His eternal victory!

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you ^[a]will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

NIV "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Triumphant in a biblical context refers to our victory and overcoming power we have in Christ

It's the greatest victory or divine intervention of God's fulfillment of His promises for us as His true believers

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

Christ triumphed over every spiritual force of evil we face as believers through His victory through the cross!

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In this world you will have tribulation or trouble

This means pressure, oppression, stress, anguish, adversity, affliction, crushing distress that comes to you when we openly identified with Jesus to the world

Jesus was saying this is an expectation, not an exception

As a matter of fact, Jesus guarantees you will have trouble in this life for Christ.

Why? Because we live in a fallen world. We live and abide in Christ but remain in a world full of sin, rebellion, and suffering

Right now we see clearly the tribulation we have comes from a hostile world toward Christianity – it's called spiritual opposition

We live in a world with sexual confusion, identity confusion, spiritual blindness, lawlessness, moral collapse, rebellion toward truth, and the acceptance of spiritual lukewarmness and the rejection of holiness

This preacher will preach holiness. I don't believe in a confess Christ as Lord and partake in the world's sinful pleasures – that leads to strongholds. Why?

Heb 12:14 Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

It says real believers who plan on making heaven their home will pursue peace with all people that means you have to make it happen

We are also to pursue holiness and not worldly indulgence

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Jesus doesn't leave us depressed about every believer facing trouble, no, He said take heart, or be of good cheer

He says shake off despair because our emotional state should be governed by His reality not our surroundings

Taking heart means choose to look past the temporary storm and look to the unchanging character of God

How? He has already overcome the world so we don't have to!

We can take courage in the finished work of Christ

1 John 5:3-5 NIV In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

NLT Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. ⁵And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Our enemy is a defeated foe and Jesus said he has already lost his grip on you

John 20:20 TPT Then Jesus showed them the wounds of his hands and his side, they were overjoyed to see the Lord with their own eyes

Why did He do that?

For pity, can't believe that happened to me or simply to cry on their shoulder

He was confirming His identity, not what they did to him but instead what He did for us!

Jesus revealed Himself to be the living testimony of triumph, the Word made flesh, and fulfillment of prophecy

**Isaiah 53:5 But He *was* wounded^[a] for our transgressions,
He *was* ^[b]bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,
And by His stripes^[c] we are healed.**

He said they tried everything and yet here I am!

Jesus was having a show and tell for His disciples.

Christ showed His wounds so that we can show our healing

Christ showed His piercing so that we can show our peace

Christ showed His power so we can show we have the same spirit living in us!

How often do we show our wounds simply to elevate our tragedy instead of an opportunity to say look what the Lord has done for me!

Jesus wanted to make sure they understood all He did for them and also to let them know He brought them peace

The Hebrew word for peace is shalom

Shalom-peace is redemptive restoration and stability that cannot be shaken!

John 14:27 AMP Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.]

Jesus showed us His wounds so we would see what all has been given to us through His finished work!

As a child of God you are triumphant!