



*"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."
Romans 8:37 NIV*

*"Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Corinthians 15:57 NIV*

νίκη (nike) - to conquer, win, overcome, prevail, defeat, gain victory

#1. To be a Christ-follower is to be an OVERCOMER.

*"Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...
for everyone born of God overcomes the world." 1 John 5:1a, 4a NIV*

What Christians Overcome: this world system, Satan, demons, sin, temptation, tests, trials, addiction, pornography, fear, worry, failure, depression, sorrow, lust, doubt, guilt, anxiety, panic, greed, gluttony, envy, jealousy, anger, hatred, racism, impure thoughts, bad habits, sickness, disease, death

#2. Who's included in the "everyone"? Those "born of God." Here's the checklist...

- BELIEVES JESUS IS THE CHRIST (1 John 5:1a)
- LOVES GOD THE FATHER (1 John 5:1b, 2, 3)
- LOVES CHILDREN OF GOD (1 John 5:2)
- KEEPS GOD'S COMMANDMENTS (1 John 5:2 & 3)

#3. Christ-followers are particularly EMPOWERED to carry out God's commands.

"[God's] commands are not burdensome." 1 John 5:3b

*"You are no longer ruled by your desires, but by God's Spirit, who lives in you...
For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."
Romans 8:9 CEV / 2 Timothy 1:7 NIV*

#4. The intention of our victorious living: TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

"This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." 1 John 5:4b-5 NIV

"Creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God." Romans 8:21 NIV

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 NIV