

WHO I AM IN CHRIST | PART 4

NOTES

1. WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS (ROMANS 8:35-39)

Key Passage: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ...In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

Understanding "More Than Conquerors"

Greek word: Hupernikao (one word)

Huper = above and beyond

Nikao = to carry away victory

Not just victory, but above and beyond victory

Roman triumph imagery - generals parading spoils of war through Rome

Important Distinction

Cultural view: Conquer in our own strength

Scripture: Victory only comes through Him

We're like someone standing behind the hero but receiving all the glory

Keeps our pride in check - we can't do anything except through Christ

Supporting Scriptures

1 John 4:4 - "He who is in you is greater than he that is in the world"

1 John 5:4-5 - "Everyone born of God overcomes the world... through faith"

Victory comes only through faith in Jesus Christ

2. WE ARE GOD'S TEMPLE

Key Passages:

1 Corinthians 3:16 - "Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and the Spirit of God lives in you?"

1 Corinthians 6 - Our bodies are parts of Christ

Old Testament Context

Temple = where God's presence dwelt

1 Kings 8 - Solomon's temple filled with God's presence so thick the priests couldn't work

Now we are His temple - containing God's Holy Spirit within us

Implications of Being God's Temple

Mobile temple - we carry God's presence everywhere

Dispensary of God's goodness - people should encounter God through us

Unity - God's presence should unite believers

Holistic salvation - body and spirit are connected, not separate

1. Access to God's Presence

"Come boldly to the throne of grace" (Hebrews 4:16)

Run into God's presence when facing temptation or opposition

2. Bold Confidence

Proverbs 28:1 - "The righteous are as bold as a lion"

We have a spirit of power and love, not timidity

Never run at your enemy with your mouth shut

3. Proper Dependence

Ephesians 6:10 - "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power"

| John 15:5 - "Apart from me you can do nothing"

Mature Christians run to God first, not as a last resort

Key Principles

Immature approach: Try plans A-F, then ask God for help

Mature approach: Run to God first saying "I can't - You do it"

Each person's fight looks different, but the principle is the same

All victory comes from relationship with Jesus

Body and Spirit Connection

Greek mindset: body and soul are separate

Biblical truth: Outward and inward are connected

What we do with our bodies affects our spiritual life

We must care for our temple to fulfill God's purposes

Remember

- Victory is through Him, not us
- We are mobile dispensaries of God's presence
- Transformation is ongoing, not a one-time event
- Our bodies and spirits work together in God's plan

1. Victory in Christ is not about avoiding hardship but being sustained through it. Our position as conquerors is not circumstantial—it's rooted in Christ's victory, not our strength. We are called 'more than conquerors' through Christ, yet Paul also describes us as like 'sheep to be slaughtered.' How do you reconcile being victorious while still facing hardship, temptation, and weakness?

2. Being more than conquerors doesn't mean passive Christianity. Scripture speaks of abiding, staying alert, wielding the Word, and depending on the Spirit. Victory is Christ-won, but it's also Spirit-empowered and intentionally lived out. If victory is "not about us," then what is our part in walking in daily victory?
What practical tools has Christ given us to overcome sin and temptation?

3. Overcoming the world is not just external—it's internal. We are God's dwelling place, filled with the Holy Spirit. If we believe that truth, it should change how we respond to temptation, steward our bodies, and value holiness. What are some of the 'things of this world' that challenge your identity as an overcomer in Christ?
How does being God's Temple shape your response to these challenges?

4. The Corinthians believed the soul and body were separate. Paul corrects that sharply: What we do physically reflects and affects us spiritually. God calls us to integrated holiness—mind, body, and spirit. In what ways do we sometimes separate our "inward faith" and "outward behaviour"?
Why is that mindset harmful—and how does Paul's teaching about the body as a temple confront that divide?

5. Being God's temple means surrendering ownership. It challenges the cultural narrative of "my body, my choice" and instead calls us to stewardship, honour, and holiness—not out of legalism but love and reverence. How do we as believers navigate the tension of "you do not belong to yourself" (1 Cor 6:19)?

What does it look like to honour God with your body today?

Challenge: Each morning this week, begin your day by declaring:
"I am more than a conqueror through Christ. I am God's temple, and the Holy Spirit lives in me."

Then choose one of the following to practically apply this truth:

- **Temptation Check-In:** When tempted, pause and ask, "How does someone who is God's temple respond?"
- **Body Stewardship:** Make one intentional choice to honour your physical body (e.g., healthy discipline, rest, avoiding impurity).
- **Victorious Living:** Identify one area where you've felt defeated—pray over it daily and ask the Holy Spirit to remind you of the victory that is already yours in Christ.