



VICTORY!

I Corinthians 15:54-57

I. One of the greatest “victory stories” in all the bible is found in Matthew 12:22-29.

A. Christ and Satan meet on the battlefield, and Christ wins-vss. 22 & 28.

B. God’s kingdom triumphs over Satan’s kingdom-vs. 28.

C. Christ binds Satan (the strong man) and then cast out his demons from the blind and mute man-vss. 28 & 29.

D. *“But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.*

When the strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace.

But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome (nikese) him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils” -Luke 11:20-22.

E. Satan's great power

1. *"The prince (archon) of this world"*-John 16:11

2. *"The god of this world"*-II Corinthians 4:4

3. *"And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will give it"*-Luke 4:6.

4. Comments on Satan's power

F. Yet God is so much more powerful than Satan that Christ defeated him on the battlefield per the record in Matthew 12 and Luke 11 by using only one finger's worth of God's great power!!

G. So, early on in His ministry, Christ showed the whole Judean world that He was much more powerful than Satan!!

H. One of the purposes of Christ's miracles was to demonstrate His power over Satan!

I. Another purpose of His miracles was to demonstrate to the world that He has the power to forgive sins-see Matthew 9:6.

“But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.”

J. ALL THESE THINGS SHOUT “VICTORY” TO LOST MEN AND WOMEN IN THE WORLD WHO WANT TO BE SAVED!!

II. A GREAT VICTORY TEXT!

***I Corinthians 15:55, “O death,
where is thy sting? O grave (hade),
where is thy victory?”***

- **Paul’s point is when the resurrection day arrives, the sting of death and the victory of the grave will disappear!**

I want to make a few comments about Christ's victory over death, the grave, and hades.

Scriptures show that Christ was so powerful that death, hades, and the grave could only hold Him for about 36 hours!

COMMENTS

III. ANOTHER GREAT VICTORY TEXT!

“And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may be chance of wheat, or of some other grain.

But God gives it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body”-I Corinthians 15:37 & 38.

The point Paul intends for us to understand from these texts is that the dead body of the Christian is a seed that's planted by God to be raised to a body that's incorruptible, glorious, powerful, spiritual, and immortal!

See I Corinthians 15:42-44, 53 & 54.

BRETHREN, THIS IS A TEACHING OF ETERNAL VICTORY FOR THE FAITHFUL CHILD OF GOD!!

**III. ROMANS 8, A GREAT VICTORY CHAPTER!
"MORE THAN CONQUERORS" IS ITS THEME!**

***Read scriptures and make comments from Romans 8.**

IV. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAN'S REWARD SYSTEM AND GOD'S REWARD SYSTEM

A. In the Olympics, only three medals are given.

No reward is given to the rest of the competitors even though some of the “losers” may have trained much harder than the medal winners!

- **God's system is far superior because He takes into consideration the Christian's attitude of heart, and gives an eternal inheritance to all who cross the finish line!!**

God has no “Special Olympics!”

V. The ultimate victory for the Christian is to hear The Lord say to him, “*Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world*”-Matthew 25:34.

➤ **“The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat!”**

➤ **From a spiritual vantage point, have you been a winner or a loser this year?**