

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Spring Term of 2022**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
CHAPTERS FIVE THROUGH EIGHT OF ROMANS—
THE KERNEL OF THE BIBLE**

Message Twelve

**More Than Conquering in Sufferings,
Tribulations, Afflictions, Anguish, and All Circumstances
through the One Who Loves Us**

Scripture Reading: Rom. 8:18, 31-39; 5:5, 17, 21

I. “In all these things we more than conquer”—Rom. 8:37:

- A. *These things* refers to sufferings, tribulation, and anguish—vv. 18, 31.
- B. *More than conquer* means a victory among victories, the highest form of victory—v. 37:
 - 1. God gives only one kind of victory—the victory that more than conquers.
 - 2. Any victory that barely makes it is not a victory from the Lord.
 - 3. The Lord’s victory is always one that “super overcomes” (the meaning of the Greek word rendered “more than conquer” in Romans 8:37).
- C. We do not overcome in ourselves; we more than conquer in Christ’s victory—1 Cor. 15:57:
 - 1. Through His resurrection Christ was victorious over Satan, God’s enemy, over the world, over sin, and over death—Heb. 2:14; Acts 2:24; Rev. 1:17-18.
 - 2. Christ’s resurrection was His victory, which will accomplish the ultimate and complete victory in resurrection for us who participate in His resurrection—1 Cor. 15:54; Phil. 3:10.
 - 3. We need Christ’s victory to become our experience—1 Cor. 15:57:
 - a. The victory of the Lord Jesus should not only be an accomplished fact for us; it should also become our daily experience through the union with the resurrected Christ as the life-giving Spirit with our spirit—v. 45b; 6:17.
 - b. Whether we encounter tribulation, anguish, or persecution, we should not only conquer in it but more than conquer in it; this is the experience that God has ordained for us—Rom 8:35-37.
- D. When we reign in life, we can overcome in all circumstances—5:17, 21; 8:31-39; cf. 1 Cor. 15:54-57:
 - 1. To reign in life is to rule as kings—Rev. 20:4, 6; 22:5:
 - a. To reign is to conquer, subdue, and rule over Satan, the world, the flesh, ourselves, and all our environmental circumstances—1 John 5:4.
 - b. Our Christian life should not only be a victorious and overcoming life; it should also be a kingly and reigning life—5:17, 21.
 - 2. To reign in life is to be God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead—John 1:12-13:
 - a. In the universe only God reigns and only He is the King, but we as the children of this King can also reign in His life—Rom. 5:17.
 - b. Since we reign as God does, by reigning in life we become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead—8:16; Col. 3:4; 2 Pet. 1:4.
 - c. When we reign in life, we more than conquer the environmental hardships and sufferings by having God, who is for us—Rom. 8:31, 34.
- E. We need to be all-transcending in our overcoming with Christ in all circumstances:

1. We can be transcendent because we are joined with Christ in His resurrection and ascension and are seated with Him in the heavenlies; this is to be transcendent over all things—Eph. 2:5-6.
2. We are far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name that is named not only in this age but also in that which is to come—1:21-23.
3. Today we can live an all-transcending life with Christ in His victory—2:5-6.

II. We more than conquer “through Him who loved us”—Rom. 8:37:

- A. Because of God’s unchanging love for us and the fact that Christ has accomplished everything on our behalf, neither tribulation nor persecution can suppress or defeat us; rather, in all these things we more than overcome and conquer through Him who loved us—v. 37.
- B. The love of Christ in Romans 8 is for those who are suffering—v. 18:
 1. Whatever problem we may have, the answer is always the love of Christ—v. 37.
 2. It is the love of Christ that enables us to overcome all tribulation and anguish.
- C. Instead of being defeated, we more than conquer through the One who loves us—v. 37:
 1. We are being put to death and are accounted as sheep for slaughter—v. 36.
 2. Nevertheless, in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us.
 3. Our Lord who loves us has more than conquered all these things; this should be the common experience of all Christians—v. 37; 1 John 5:4.
 4. Through our loving One we not only conquer—we can be conquerors, conquering all negative things, even death—Acts 2:24; Rev. 1:17b-18.
- D. Only one kind of love is genuine, and that is the love that is the issue of the dispensing of the Triune God—Rom. 8:35, 39; 15:30:
 1. Because the Spirit has the attribute of love, the more we are under His dispensing, the more genuine love we have—1 John 4:8, 16.
 2. Actually, the more the Spirit is dispensed into us, the more we become love in the sense of being constituted with the divine love—Rom. 15:30; Eph. 4:15-16.
 3. Then we will have the love that is the expression of the Spirit, and we will respond to others with love—Gal. 5:22.
- E. The pouring out of the love of God into our hearts is a matter of the essence of God—Rom. 5:5:
 1. Because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts, the heart of every believer is a heart of love.
 2. In our experience and enjoyment of God as the Father in His love, we experience and enjoy the dispensing of love as the nature of God’s essence into our hearts.
- F. In Ephesians 3:19 Paul speaks of the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ:
 1. The love of Christ surpasses knowledge, yet we can know it by experiencing it.
 2. Just as Christ is immeasurable, so His love is immeasurable—vv. 18-19:
 - a. If we compare what we have so far experienced of the immeasurable love of Christ to all that there is to experience, it is like comparing a raindrop to the ocean.
 - b. Christ in His universal dimensions and in His immeasurable love is like a vast, limitless ocean for us to experience—vv. 18-19.
- G. The love mentioned in Ephesians 4:15-16—the inner substance of God—is the love of God in Christ that becomes the love of Christ in us, not only enabling us to love but also causing us to become love through the dispensing of the Triune God of love—the love of God, the love of Christ, and the love of the Spirit—Rom. 8:39, 35; 15:30.
- H. God’s everlasting love in Christ is a banner spreading over us, displaying and exhibiting that we who are loved by God are more than conquerors—8:37.
- I. “Do not fear the things that you are about to suffer” (Rev. 2:10a), for in all these things we will more than conquer through the One who loves us—our beloved Lord Jesus Christ, “Lord of lords and King of kings” (17:14).