

Romans 8:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Analysis

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us (All' en toútois pâsin hupernikōmen dià toû agapésantos hēmâs)—All' ("Nay") rejects the implied threat that trials separate from love. En toútois pâsin ("in all these things")—the very trials of vv. 35-36 become the arena of victory. Hupernikōmen is emphatic: hypér ("over, beyond") + nikáō ("conquer")—not mere survival but overwhelming victory, more-than-conquering. This is present tense: we are right now super-conquerors, not just eventually.

Dià toû agapésantos hēmâs ("through him who loved us")—victory isn't our achievement but gift from Christ who loved us. The aorist agapésantos points to the Cross (Galatians 2:20: "the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me"). Christ's love demonstrated in death guarantees victory in every trial. We conquer not by avoiding suffering but by experiencing Christ's sustaining love through it.

Historical Context

Roman military triumphs celebrated victory over enemies. Paul subverts this: Christians are "more than conquerors" not through military might but through Christ's love. Victory is redefined—not defeating enemies but remaining faithful despite persecution, not escaping death but being sustained through it to resurrection.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How can believers be "more than conquerors" while suffering and dying—how is this victory defined?
2. What's the difference between conquering and being "more than conquerors" through Christ?
3. How does Christ's love (demonstrated at the Cross) enable present victory over trials?

Interlinear Text

ἀλλ'	ἐν	τούτοις	πᾶσιν	ὑπερνικῶμεν	διὰ	τοῦ
Nay	in	these things	all	we are more than conquerors	through	G3588
G235	G1722	G5125	G3956	G5245	G1223	
ἀγαπήσαντος	ἡμᾶς					
him that loved	us					
G25	G2248					

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 15:57 (Parallel theme): But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 John 4:4 (Parallel theme): Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

2 Corinthians 2:14 (Parallel theme): Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

Revelation 21:7 (Parallel theme): He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Revelation 12:11 (Love): And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Jude 1:24 (Parallel theme): Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Galatians 2:20 (Love): I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

2 Corinthians 12:9 (Parallel theme): And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Revelation 17:14 (Parallel theme): These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Ephesians 5:2 (Love): And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.